

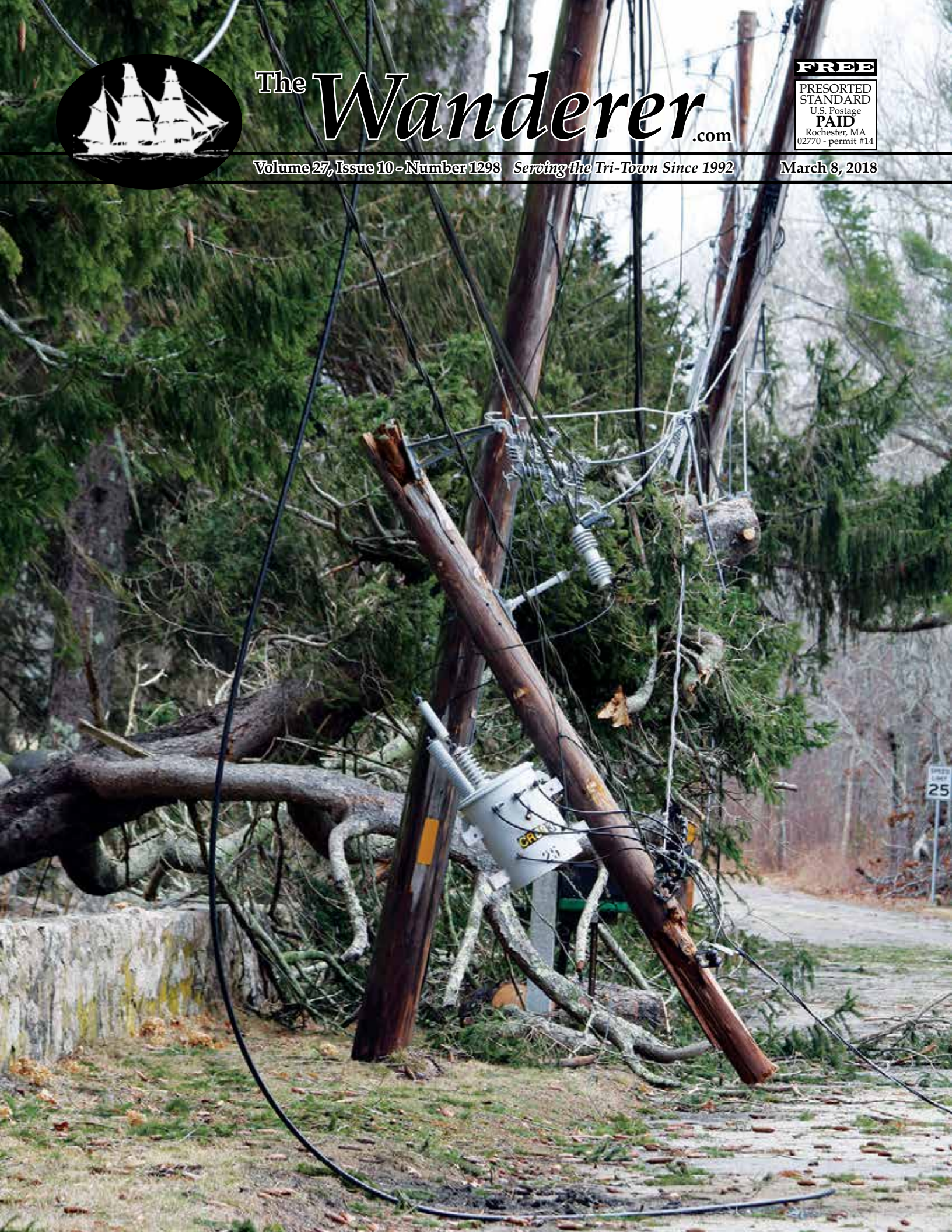


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Storm Plunges Tri-Town Into Darkness

By Jean Perry

Ask around and people in our area will likely say they've never seen anything like it around here – branches lying in piles across the roads, trees barricading streets, telephone poles snapped in half and dangling from above, flaccid wires drooping along the majority of roadsides, and indoor basement swimming pools in just about every home. Orange plastic cones, the flashing red and blue lights of emergency response vehicles, and the yellow flashes coming from utility trucks were the only splashes of color amid the grayness of the sky, rain, and road.

This March 2 storm of high wind gusts and ample rain turned into a days-long disaster of power loss, flooding, cleanup, and school closings – not to mention the stress residents have encountered, often using up precious battery energy to take to social media to air grievances on the slow response by utility companies to make repairs to downed wires.

March of 2018 came in like a lion all right – a lion on the proverbial steroids.

On Friday, the three towns' police scanners were a constant back and forth between officers and dispatchers, with calls mounting quickly about downed trees and wires blocking roads, and reports of live wires sparking and even catching fire.

By Friday afternoon, a tree had fallen on a house on Parkway Lane in Marion, and trees were blocking

main routes and preventing school busses from driving children to their regular stops.

Power was reported out in the center of Rochester, Front Street in Marion, the east side of Marion, sections of Mattapoisett including Mattapoisett Neck Road, and even Route 6 was shut down to traffic. One after the other, residents took to Facebook to report their road's power outage.

By Friday night, 91% of Rochester and 42% of Mattapoisett were without electricity, and 100% of Marion was in the dark, prompting the Saturday morning opening of Marion's emergency shelter at Sippican School to provide a warm space for residents to grab a cup of coffee and charge their electronic devices.

By Saturday morning, 91% of Rochester was still without power, with no progress still in Mattapoisett and Marion. A collapsed telephone pole with wire and tree debris had shut down Delano Road in Marion for over 24 hours at that point. The wind was still whipping down the narrow village streets of Marion, which were deserted

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On the Cover: Marooned in Marion – The March 2 storm left a trail of destruction throughout the Tri-Town. This severed telephone pole surrounded by wires and downed trees remained an obstacle on Delano Road for over 24 hours, according to Marion Police Chief John Garcia. The road was shut down, and for some time there was no access to the east side of town, Garcia told The Wanderer on Saturday. Photo by Jean Perry

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Anyone who visited the emergency shelter was greeted at the rear entrance of the school by a white donation box lying on its side and the roaring of the emergency generator. Marion Police Chief John Garcia stood by the door to greet residents after a long night of little sleep on a cot inside the police station.

Friday through Friday night and into Saturday was a real 'you-know-what' show, said Chief Garcia. To sum the storm up in one word, Garcia called it "devastating."

The police station lost Internet service for some time, limiting its ability to track the storm and stay on top of storm developments until Comcast was able to set the station up with an Internet generator.

Garcia increased staff on Friday night from one dispatcher at the desk to two and from two officers to seven. Garcia said he and Lieutenant Nighelli even responded to calls themselves. By Saturday at noon, things were finally starting to slow down.

A lot of the time cruisers had to be stationed at various locations just to block off roadways to protect drivers from downed live wires. It wasn't until later that Eversource was able to provide enough of their own cars to block off dangerous roadways and free up the cruisers for calls reporting trees falling on top of several houses and on cars. The chief said there were no storm-related injuries to report.

"The damage of the trees," said Garcia, "it was like a full hurricane. The only thing we were spared of was coastal flooding." Although, he said, in the aftermath of the storm the Fire Department was going door to door assisting with the pumping out of flooded basements,

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According to Marion Fire Chief Brian Jackvony, Marion Fire responded to over an entire two months' worth of calls between March 2-5 – 213 storm-related calls in total. At one point on Friday, he said, "It was just too dangerous for us to be out there," and he called off fire department presence at areas such as Point Road and Delano Road out of safety concerns for employees. The Town's new ambulance was damaged when the doors opened and "were taken by the wind."

Interim DPW Superintendent Jon Henry said the three departments he oversees – sewer, water, and highway – were affected when a generator would not start up, which also affected communication between the DPW, fire, and police for a spell. The communications system, once it lost its repeaters without power, had to bypass the repeaters in order to maintain communication.

The Highway Department, said Henry, used up 1,000 gallons of diesel with all the vehicle travel involved and had to call for a special delivery by its Plymouth vendor, which took quite some time to respond with more



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On Sunday, many were still without power, so with 45% of Marion residents, 41% of Rochester residents, and a number of Eversource customers in Mattapoisett still without power on Monday, Tri-Town schools were canceled for the day.

As of press time on Tuesday, 8% of Rochester was still without electricity, and less than 1% in both Marion and Mattapoisett.

Old and New Collide at Town House Forum By Jean Perry

Call it the largest turnout for the Marion Board of Selectmen in years. Hundreds gathered at Sippican School on Thursday for the first glimpse of a proposed plan to construct a town administrative office building on the grounds of the Benjamin D. Cushing Community / Senior Center – a project with a price tag of about \$1.8 million less than renovating the historic Town House. But the debate amongst residents and town committee members went deeper than expensive versus less expensive; the more divisive aspect of the issue turned out to be modern versus history.

Tasked with conducting a feasibility study to build a town administrative office rather than renovate the Town House, the Town House Building Committee Subcommittee – with the \$35,000 approved by Town Meeting – delivered its results on March 1, proposing an 8,500 square-foot, \$5.1 million “21st Century building” touted as the “less risk,” less expensive, “straightforward building design” alternative to renovating the Town House.

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Just inside the main entrance would be the 30+ person meeting room and across it the town administrator's office and selectmen's secretary. Most frequented offices such as the Building and Planning Departments, Town Clerk's Office, and the health and public nurse's office occupy the right wing and are also accessible via two side entrances – one by the community center and one to the left alongside the new parking lot.

"We hope that its simple construction – not pretentious," said co-chair of the subcommittee Rob Lane, "hopefully says 'welcome' and this is the house for all citizens of Marion."

Alan Minard, co-chair of the subcommittee and Chairman of the Finance Committee, emphasized that new construction is less risky than a renovation, in both time and cost. Furthermore, the existing Town House could be sold to a condominium developer and solve a growing need for smaller-scale living in town, while adding enough of a tax base to support \$1 million in debt, Minard said, adding that Marion ranks 7th in highest debt per capita out of the 351 Massachusetts municipalities.

"I think we need to be very careful about acquiring new debt," said Minard. He called this design a "reasonable building," as he concluded his presentation.

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Breaking it down, the hard costs (building materials, interior finishes and fixtures) would total \$4,122,160; soft costs (interior furnishings, equipment, computers) amounted to \$985,400 for a total of roughly \$5.1 million.

Re-introducing the Town House Building Committee's nearly \$8 million project to renovate the Town House was that committee's chairman, Bob Raymond.

Community Preservation funds totaling just over \$1 million would reduce the borrowing amount to \$6.9 million, said Raymond, which would amount to an average (\$400,000 home) tax burden of \$136.91 for a 20-year loan or \$104.14 over a loan period of 30 years.



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Erica Patten of T2 Architecture gave an overview of the renovation plan, which includes a new, “less dysfunctional” interior layout, handicap accessibility (wider entries, elevator to all four floors), expanded parking, and efficiency upgrades to utility systems.

On the first floor is the 24-person meeting room with double doors, along with the most frequently visited offices (town clerk, tax collector) and harbormaster and Assessor’s Office. On the second floor are conservation, planning, building, public health/nurse, and accounting. The third floor, mostly admin, houses the town administrator, selectmen’s office, and finance.

Breaking down the costs: hard costs account for \$6.5 million and soft costs total \$1.4 million. In addition to the \$1 million is CPC funding, the tax burden, said Raymond, would be further reduced when school debt retires in 2026. But any further delay in a decision, Raymond emphasized, would cost the town an additional \$400,000 for every year of inaction.

In preparation for debate, Raymond laid out the pros and cons of adopting the Town House renovation plan, such as the “white elephant building” problem like the one Fairhaven now faces with two unoccupied historical schools (one under contract with physical progress still two years away) that no one wants to buy and the town still must maintain and fund. Not to mention, he said, relocating the town hall would change the character of the village.

“This historic building has the character and preeminence appropriate for the center of town,” said Raymond. “Removing the seat of government from a pedestrian-centered village to an automobile-centered site will change the entire character of our town.”

Furthermore, he said, adding residential units at the town house building would increase the demand on

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Raymond referred to a prior town-wide mailing that resulted in 900 responses, 55% of which supported a Town House renovation.

Public response was equally divided – passionate on one side, pragmatic on the other.

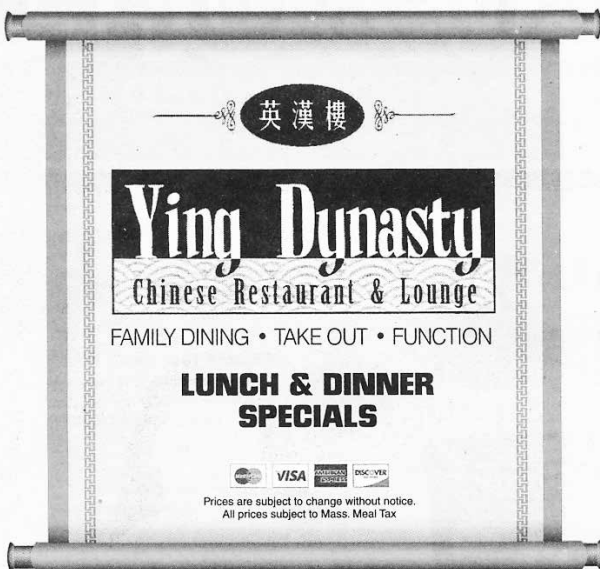
Resident Joe Zora called the Marion Town House "home" and lamented, "for God's sake," regarding the notion of transforming it into another condominium in

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"Then we can end up calling this 'condo village,'" said Zora. "Pretty soon we won't have a village anymore. My God, please don't do this...."

A \$1.8 million difference in cost didn't concern resident Ron Wisener when it came to honoring Elizabeth Taber and preserving the Town House. "Elizabeth Taber was responsible in large part for the character of Marion.... I agree with Mr. Zora about our heritage and our legacy."

Resident Lee Vulgaris said, as a former Finance Committee member, he is aware of the impact on taxes as well as the fact that the Town should have implemented better long-term planning. "The decision comes down to intrinsic and intangible value; not so much the money," said Vulgaris. "I like the beauty of the Town House," he stated, adding that he also liked the new construction plan design. "But I have to say that I don't think ... we should just weigh it just on money."

Bill Washburn rose to speak but first had to pause, saying, "This is tough for me."

"Mr. Zora hit it on the head," said Washburn with emotion. "Families that have been here a long time have a lot of history with that building, and it seems a shame that we just let it go." Washburn continued, "Once it's gone, it's gone."

Planning Board member Andrew Daniel said he understands the emotional ties to the building, which he

hasn't yet formed as a resident of fewer years. He said he likes the current location of the Town House, "But we're kind of kicking the can down the road," with building costs increasing every year. "We don't know where we are with our sewage and what that's going to be... We have other needs. We need a highway barn; we've got equipment sitting out in the rain."

Something has to be done, Daniel said, "But the overall cost of living in this town is really starting to scare me." Daniel wondered if tearing the Town House down and rebuilding one in its likeness would prove more economical in the scope of all the "red flags" Marion now faces.

Other residents' comments pointed out, for example, that perhaps the \$1 million in CPC funds would be better spent on the library, and that village-style pedestrian infrastructure is still not in place to encourage that aspect of the Master Plan when it came down to moving the town offices outside the village and across Route 6.

"I personally would not like to see it on Route 6," said former selectman Jon Henry. "It's more than just getting to it that bothers me." He said the Route 6 site would be better suited for a future new fire station when the need arises.

Energy Management Committee member Bill Saltonstall said that while he was out in the village with consultants from California surveying the LED light transition, one of them said, "This is a beautiful town. This is really special," Saltonstall spoke. "And I think we've just got to fight to keep these things here and keep the village thriving here now."

"The Town House, like it or not," said resident Peter McCormick, "is the centerpiece of the Town of Marion, and to turn that over to outside developers and lose control of that centerpiece to me would be a huge error – and once made is irretrievable."

Retired Sippican School teacher Diane Cook said one of the highlights of teaching at Sippican has been leading third-graders on a walking tour of Marion's historic center. "I'm not looking for taxes to go up, but I think we will find it – the money," said Cook. "I think this is a very important project. I think we should preserve this building and we'll find the money."

Linda Goodwin recalled how she preserved her historical home, and said, "It's too bad that I'm not willing to kick a building like that to the curb. I feel that it's part of the town and ... shame on us for not taking care of it."

A few further comments were in favor of the new design, with one resident referring to the Town House as "a dilapidated building," and another stressing, "A building's function is more important than how you look at it."

Resident Kathy Reed briefly commented that she does not yet know which option she prefers, but added that while she was looking for a small-scale residence in

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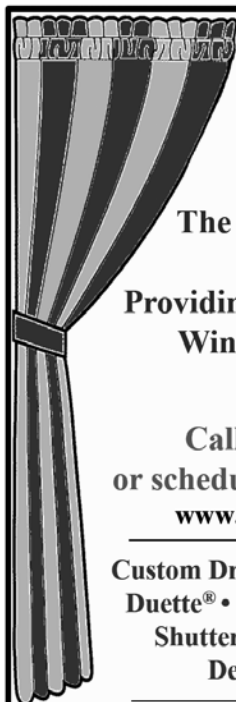
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Marion she could not find one. "I looked for a condo ... for a year and a half and was unable to find one," Reed said.

"The option that we presented was fully [calculated] yesterday at noon," said Minard. "A lot of Marion taxpayers are not here. They are the folks that need to have some exposure to this so when they go to the ballot box ... they understand what they're doing."

Minard asked the selectmen to take the matter under advisement long enough to "give it a chance to percolate in the community."

Selectman Jody Dickerson stated at the start of the forum that the Board of Selectmen would consider the options and consider them both while preparing articles for the Annual Town Meeting in May.

Citizens Submit Petition to Ban Marijuana Sales

By Marilou Newell and Jean Perry

The Town of Mattapoisett on February 26 received a citizens' petition containing 47 verified signatures proposing an all-out ban on registered marijuana dispensaries in Mattapoisett.

When a citizens' petition is filed with the Town Clerk's Office and at least ten of the signatures of registered voters are verified, an article can be placed on the next Annual Town Meeting warrant.

After the February 12 Special Town Meeting adoption of a moratorium for commercial and recreational



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adult-use marijuana dispensaries and establishments, Mattapoisett's Planning Board was set to begin the process of addressing what sort of language zoning bylaws might contain while also soliciting public input through their regularly scheduled public meetings. But as Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain told *The Wanderer* on March 5, "We've suspended any further work until our April 2 public meeting."

Crain said that with the submission of the citizens' petition, undertaken by resident George Randall, the Planning Board will present that for public discourse at the April 2 meeting. She said if the public appears to support a town-wide ban on registered marijuana dispensaries, the Planning Board would not, at this time, craft bylaws. Crain said the board would still craft bylaws for medical marijuana establishments and that would be brought up during the meeting.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne said on March 5, "We'll gauge public opinion.... There was no point in the Planning Board doing a lot of work [on bylaws] if they didn't have to."

Gagne said the Planning Board will still have to look at the medical marijuana issue. He also said that during the upcoming Annual Town Meeting in May, town counsel will be present to address any specific questions that may arise around the discussion of marijuana as a whole.

It is important to note that because Mattapoisett



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in November 2016 voted against Question 4 to legalize recreational marijuana use, the Town has the option of banning recreational marijuana establishments in town via a Town Meeting majority vote.

It is also important to note that the personal adult recreational use would not be affected by a ban on commercial sales, and the private home cultivation of marijuana (six plants per adult in the residence) would also likely not be affected.

The Cannabis Control Commission will approve and release its final recreational marijuana regulations by March 15 and begin accepting applications for licenses of recreational use registered marijuana dispensaries on April 1.

Trash Trouble Mounting in Marion

Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Committee

By Jean Perry

As the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Committee studies the impact of the last five or so years of mismanagement of the district's finances and facilities, members are finding that the former district executive director left them with a lot more to 'dill' with than just a financial pickle.

During the CMWRRDD Committee's February 28 meeting, there were more disclosures of mismanagement during the last several years of ex-executive director Ray Pickles' contract with the district. There was also confusion over contract benefits for retiring employee Eddie Florindo, whom committee member and former-DPW Superintendent Rob Zora defended by suggesting the district pay Florindo for sick time accrued beyond the scope of the contract.

With so many files and documents still unaccounted for after Pickles' departure, the committee is unsure of how many accrued sick days and vacation time Florindo is entitled to. Furthermore, the committee believes Pickles may have "cherry-picked" aspects of the three individual towns' employee union contracts years back, for example, when the Town of Wareham changed its health benefits cost-share ratio. Carver Town Administrator Michael Milanoski pointed out that

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Pickles chose not to adopt those changes in CMWRRDD employee contracts.

"That's kind of a problem," said committee Chairman Stephen Cushing.

In the middle of that discussion, Zora pulled out a file he said Pickles had given to him around two weeks ago, raising some eyebrows.

"I talked to Ray," Marion Town Administrator Paul Dawson said. "I asked him if he was in possession of any other files from the district." Pickles told him no, Dawson stated.

Milanoski added, "We requested in writing that we need all district files, and all of a sudden this appears?"

Zora couldn't explain it, saying only, "He may have run into it..."

What's more, Pickles acted against the committee's order when he issued Florindo a check back in December in the amount of \$19,000 for a retirement-related payment; furthermore, the proper taxes were not deducted from the payment.

During the meeting, Milanoski said, "The board directed Ray to not cut any checks and he went out there and he ordered a check to be cut. We asked him not to cut a check ... and he cut the check without the board's knowledge."

There was also talk about how no employee files with documented vacation and sick time were found after



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Pickles was let go, and the committee now hopes that the district's payroll vendor will have some records of sick time and vacation time *used* to figure out how much sick and vacation time Florindo is owed. According to Zora, Florindo used up all his sick time and all that remained was vacation days.

Zora asked if the committee ever notified Florindo that he could only accrue so many vacation days before losing them, which Milanoski commented should be no more than 30 days, also adding that it is not the district's responsibility to inform employees of what is already stated in their contract.

"How can the board sit here and penalize an employee?" asked Zora, adding that Florindo was a loyal employee of several decades. "I have a huge problem with that..."

This is an individual who probably never looked at his contract at all, worked here for forty- something years.... This board should do the right thing and pay him what's on the books – what he [did] not use...."

Zora asked that the committee "let things slide" because, if Florindo *had* taken all of his vacation time, the Town would have had to pay another employee more for overtime. He said the committee should not "gyp" Florindo, which angered Milanoski.

"To say that the district is gonna 'gyp' somebody is the wrong statement to be using in a public session," said Milanoski, as Zora tried interrupting him. "Can I

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finish?" He continued, "No one is talking about gypping anybody." He said the committee would review what documents are available and pay Florindo what he is lawfully owed. "To say that we're gonna 'gyp' someone is wrong," said Milanoski.

"Keep in mind," Milanoski added, "you're basically bankrupt, so I don't know where you're gonna pay him from.... There's a lot of bills that need to be paid," such as OPEB and pension liabilities, said Milanoski, "So we don't have money to throw away...."

"At the end of the day, you'll get your vote as a board member," Milanoski said to Zora.

"Well, I just don't want to see that happen ... and I just have a right to voice my opinion as a member of this board," said Zora. *

Some of the money used to reimburse Florindo for unused vacation would come from taxpayer money, said Milanoski, "So we need to do calculations and bring them back to the board to justify whatever the number...."

And if that wasn't enough, committee member Dave Menard gave an overview of his observations of the district's three garbage facilities: the Carver landfill, and the two transfer stations in Rochester and at Benson Brook/Marion. Benson Brook was so bad the committee may have to shut it down.

"It's a free-for-all," Menard described the Marion disposal facility. "It's poorly managed – they all are." Menard said he saw vehicles without stickers entering and using the facility and trailers and other large equipment randomly scattered throughout the site.

Milanoski said in his own observations, he saw significant liability in the way things are set up and run at Benson Brook, prompting him to request that the committee authorize the three towns' town administrators to devise an operations and management plan that could result in either fewer transfer station days or a consolidation of the multiple facilities.

"They're not safe the way they're structured right now," said Milanoski, adding that the facilities are also running "too costly." "There's a liability the way they're structured right now."

Milanoski also observed several newer, large



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pieces of equipment at Benson Brook, including a new backhoe and excavator, possibly purchased without the committee's approval.

"We're not financially solvent," Milanoski said. "A district of this size doesn't need to have all this equipment. A lot of money has been spent on some equipment that is probably one of the many elements that has put us in this ... [financial] situation."

Furthermore, large quantities of animal waste are being dumped at the Rochester site; and at the Marion site, other prohibited items such as toilets, kitchen sinks, and old cabinets have been dumped, while outside contractors have been using the transfer station for dumping truckloads of wood chips, debris, and other materials without authorization to do so.

"We can no longer just accept the contractors from other towns ... on the backs of the taxpayers," Milanoski said.

Resident brush disposal is not being overseen effectively, the committee agreed.

Marion Selectman and committee member Norm Hills questioned the urgency of the liability issue, asking, "Do we need to stop people from going in there *now*?"

Dawson suggested addressing the matter sooner rather than later, saying, "Some containers walk up to stairs.... We've had falls in the past there before. It's only a matter of time before it happens again.... Obviously, safety and liability issues are paramount."



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"It's the right step to do," Milanoski said. "There's no doubt about it."

As a result, two gates will be installed at the site – one at the transfer station entrance and another that will block access after the station entrance, where contractors appear to be illegally dumping. Currently, two temporary barriers are in place to deter further illegal dumping.

The committee also addressed so-called "volunteers," for lack of a better word, said Dawson – "A couple of women from Wareham who are dictating the rules to anybody who walks in there" at the swap shed at Benson Brook. "It's become a real thorn in everyone's side down there," Dawson continued, saying that even transfer station employees are "afraid" to talk to the women who have assumed the position of guardians of the swap shop. "It can't go on."

Since the meeting, the swap shop has been closed and it appears it will not re-open.

Before adjourning, the committee looked ahead to the future, speculating that perhaps they may need to add a fourth town to the district – Rochester – that also faces the imminent expiration of trash agreement with Covanta.

Rochester Selectman Brad Morse attended the meeting but did not participate, saying he was only there to listen and observe. The committee acknowledged his presence, and Cushing commented that it would be useful to include Rochester in the dialogue from now on. Morse said he agreed and would be approaching the Rochester Board of Selectmen on the matter during its March 5 meeting.

The committee authorized the three towns' town administrators to devise a plan for the transfer stations and then notify the public of any transfer station closures. An update on this matter was added to the Marion Board of Selectmen's agenda for the March 6 meeting. (See that article in this week's edition of *The Wanderer* for details and the board's comments.)

In other matters, the committee will select an auditing firm during its next meeting to conduct a forensic audit of the last five years. The committee has concluded that Pickles had not performed an annual audit as required since 2012.

The next meeting of the CMWRRDD Committee is scheduled for **March 28** at 5:00 pm at the Marion Police Station conference room.

**Zora remains on the CMWRRDD Committee, although he is no longer employed by the Town of Marion and is no longer a resident of Marion. In a follow-up with Dawson, who claimed he was unaware that Zora had moved out of Marion, he said that Zora was appointed to the committee when he was appointed as Marion's DPW superintendent. He said the Town's committee policy would allow a non-resident to serve on a regulatory board until their term is up June 30 and "ride out the remainder of the year."*

Residents to Erect Liz Taber Memorial

Marion Board of Selectmen

Jean Perry

A small group of Marionites wants to bring Elizabeth Taber back home to Marion.

Tinker Saltonstall, Al Winters, and Judith Rosby and Frank McNamee from the Sippican Historical Society have formed a committee committed to commissioning a life-size statue of Elizabeth Taber so her likeness can be seen every day by her beneficiaries – the people.

"We hope to bring Elizabeth Taber back to Marion," said Saltonstall during the March 6 meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen.

Former selectman Al Winters told the selectmen, "We need to have a statue of Elizabeth Taber in this town. We need to have her visually among us."

The committee has chosen to commission a life-size bronze statue to honor the town's beloved benefactor.

Rosby said the committee has met twice and will soon begin interviewing five different local sculptors. It will take roughly three months to create the sculpture's design, and then an additional six months to create.

The committee wishes to place the statue upon Town-owned land, and they have narrowed it down to either a spot between the Town House and the library, or across the street at Bicentennial Park.

"I personally like between the library and the Town House," said Selectmen Chairman Jody Dickerson.

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No decisions have been made yet as to Taber's gestures or whether she would be sitting or standing. The actual cost is unknown at this time, but McNamee said he expects it to be between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

"We are not asking the Town for money," said Winters. "This has to come from the people. It's the people that she benefitted ... and it's appropriate that the people are the ones who put this special statue up." Winters said he doesn't think it will be a hard task raising the money, saying, "This woman was the mother of the Town," who ultimately procured the character of Marion that it is today.

Once details are cleared, the committee will update the selectmen and reveal their chosen form of fundraising.

Not on the agenda, but the two chiefs and interim DPW Superintendent Jon Henry attended the meeting to debrief the board on the storm.

The three department heads say they encountered some hiccups during the storm, mostly to do with town-wide interdepartmental communication.

Henry said all three town departments share a generator to the DPW barn, which powers the communication system. That generator failed to start when the power went out, but it did eventually get started.

The Highway Department also almost ran out of diesel well into the storm, and fuel had to be ordered from the Town's Plymouth vendor, which took longer than Henry would have hoped.

Furthermore, with the heavy rain, Henry said he observed a heavy increase in sewer treatment plant inflow, suspecting that there may be some serious infiltration and inflow (I&I) issues in areas that the Town might not have suspected – neighborhoods that are newer and have more current sewer infrastructure, he said.

"I think there is a big amount of inflow which is from some connected device to the system," Henry said, "Some area in the system we've not closely looked at."

I&I, said Henry, has a negative impact on the functioning of the sewer treatment plant, since it relies on bacteria to break down the sewage, and with more water

diluting the effluent, the bacteria cannot effectively break it down.

Before leaving, Henry announced that the Town would start collecting brush and storm debris on Monday, so residents should leave brush piles by the side of the road. The Town will continue to collect debris and brush until Friday, but after that, residents will be on their own, Henry said.

Also at the meeting, Fire Chief Brian Jackvony announced that his application to the Department of Defense for a new safety boat was accepted, and the boat has already been delivered. The boat will replace a boat that was damaged during a storm last October and, if it were to be purchased brand new, would retail at \$400,000.

The boat needs some work, which will cost the Town \$65,000, significantly less than two other boats Jackvony had priced – one for \$208,000 and one for \$137,000.

In other matters, Town Administrator Paul Dawson brought the board up to speed on the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District, with some bad news for those who enjoy the swap shed at the Benson Brook transfer station.

The shed where re-usable items can be left and taken has officially been shut down and will likely not re-open in the future.

The operation, Dawson said, became too much of a liability with non-employees who have taken the



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initiative in 'supervising' the swap shed, so to speak.

"It's become sort of a difficult operation to maintain and regulate," Dawson said. "It was a great idea. The problem is there's never been any established rules for it and people have taken over that ... and made it difficult to manage."

Dawson said he knows some people will be upset by the closing, and perhaps they will re-visit the matter in the future, "But I don't expect the ultimate decision to change," said Dawson. "It's just become more of a burden than an asset."

Dawson also announced that the Hazardous Waste Day would not take place this year due to a lack of staff and resources.

During the meeting, the board met with Richard Coletti and appointed him as constable.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **March 20** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Rochester Appoints Sgt. Small as New Chief

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The Rochester Board of Selectmen on March 5 officially appointed Sergeant Robert Small as the next police chief to replace Chief Paul Magee when he retires this year on September 14.

Small engaged in a brief public interview that evening, during which he stressed readiness to take over the department. Small completed an executive development class with the Municipal Police Institute, a course specifically designed to provide extensive training towards the position of police chief and other upper level law enforcement positions. Small also attended a civilian 'team building' program, he said, "that's to sort of get an idea on how to be a little more proactive in taking advantage of peoples' particular skills they possess ... and being able to make the most out of what we can get out of our officers."

"Recently, I've taken on more administrative tasks," Small stated, including taking on the leading role in this year's fiscal year 2019 budget process with Magee's assistance. He said that in recent months, in addition to daytime supervisory responsibilities, he has undertaken many other responsibilities to ensure a smooth-as-possible transition into the chief's position.

Selectman Naida Parker pointed out the issue of speeding in Rochester and its ranking as a "hot button topic" in Rochester, asking Small how he plans to address residents' concerns.

"I think maintaining a lot of the stuff we do is really important and just being consistent," said Small. He said he would follow through with Magee's public forum he held last fall and continue that activity if the public wanted it. Other avenues, said Small, would be acquiring equipment to assist in catching speeders and possibly

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Small said he plans to continue efforts to expand police involvement in the schools and maintain all that is currently in place that enforces communication between the Police Department and the schools.

"We can look to do more," Small said, but the bottom line is funding. Would a school resource officer be a direction he would like to go in? Yes, he said, and he would explore options to fund one, possibly through grants. "I think that would certainly be great for opening communication with the younger kids, not just at the high school age but even younger. Having them see us in a different forum opens up communication..."

Small started his career in law enforcement in 1991, was hired full-time by Rochester Police in 1998, and appointed Sergeant in 2013. He's been a certified sexual assault investigator since 1995 and runs the department's R.A.D. System (Rape, Aggression, Defense) self-defense program for women.

A department's reputation is critical, says Small, and he will work to ensure that the Rochester Police Department lives up to it.

"I've been here for a long time," Small said. "I'm very invested in this town and this department. I care about the image and the reputation of the town and the department." He continued, "I certainly feel that we have a group of officers that I'm very happy to work with and are very involved in the town and actually care about the

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relationship with the town and the department.... To me, that's really important. They go hand in hand.

"We should strive to do more, and I think we do..." Small said.

At that, Parker, saying she was surprisingly choked-up and emotional, made the motion to appoint Small as chief, pending contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

Also during the meeting, the Finance Committee told the selectmen that roughly 85% of the Town's budgets have been reviewed line by line, with four budgets currently on hold: police, fire, highway, and EMS.

"We're looking good," said Finance Committee Chairman Kristian Stoltenberg. "I would say, based on what we have for revenue and what we have for budgets ... we're looking pretty good this year."

In other matters, selectmen have taken under advisement a request from the Rochester Country Fair Committee to serve beer during the Friday and Saturday evening entertainment events. A "beer garden" space would be closed off and contained where people with wristbands would be allowed to consume one beer at a time. One officer would be stationed within the beer garden for security, and no one would be allowed to roam the fairgrounds outside the beer garden. The hours would be limited to between either 4:00 or 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday only. Chief Magee gave a nod for giving this first year trial a go, and the selectmen took the matter under advisement and will make the decision during the next meeting.

The Rochester Country Fair will be August 16-19 this year.

Also during the meeting, the board appointed Brad Morse to serve as the board's representative to the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District. The appointment stems from concerns raised at the last CMWRRDD Committee meeting about the future of trash disposal in the area, the imminent closure of a Rochester transfer station, and the possible closure of an additional transfer station in either Rochester or Marion belonging to the CMWRRDD.

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Roads Remain Priority in Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

It's no small task to keep the roadways of a community in good working order and to do so with an eye on the bottom line. Any highway surveyor can attest to that reality. But couple that with a population willing to invest in their roads and you've got a winning combination.

So said Town Administrator Michael Gagne during the February 28 meeting of the Finance Committee, who sat down with Barry Denham, Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor.

"We've had eight debt exclusions for road work," Gagne. "...A lot of credit has to go to the community for having the foresight to invest in their roads.... Other towns are putting that issue to the side."

Denham said that spending money on maintenance rather than rebuilding badly damaged roadways makes fiscal sense because it costs less.

Gagne said each year about \$500,000 is set aside for roadwork, much of which comes from retiring debt. Added to that sum for specific projects are Chapter 90 funds, as well as funds raised from the sale of tax title properties. Collectively that sum stands at \$6.1 million.



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Denham discussed what's on his department's radar for road projects in the coming months, as well as some longer range planning. One project slated for spring 2018 is a repair to the drainage system located in the LeBaron Estates subdivision.

While the streets in the neighborhood have long been public ways, the drainage system servicing the area is located on private property. Easements had been planned for the Town's access to the drainage system, but somehow since 1964 those easements had never been transferred to the Town.

"At the last town meeting we approved that," Denham said. "It didn't cost us anything.... The upgrades will eliminate the flooding issues in there."

Larger, more involved projects were also discussed for the FY19 construction season.

Denham said asphalt overlays to a section of Acushnet Road were needed at an estimated cost of \$310,000. Engineering and design plans for Main, Water, and Beacon Streets would cost about \$150,000 he said, with engineering for the Randall Bridge coming in at \$100,000. Other projects discussed were repairs to lower Pearl Street and repairs to a bridge at Tinkham Pond. Overall estimates bring the price tag just north of \$900,000.

Denham also took a look at projects scoped out for the FY20 construction season: construction of the Randall Bridge, \$650,000; overlay to River Road and

Crystal Spring Road, \$500,000; and continued planning for Main, Water and Beacon Streets, \$50,000.

The good news for the town on this group of projects is that Denham has already secured a \$500,000 grant for the bridge work, with another \$228,000 of Chapter 90 funding in the waiting.

Denham said it was important to take care of what he termed "our long roads" – River, Crystal Spring, and Acushnet Roads, for instance – with the application of asphalt overlays for "short money." He said, by comparison, the village streets were expensive to upgrade.

"My goal is to do two miles of road a year for short money," said Denham, "[While] picking away at the more expensive roads."

On the Highway Department five-year plan for capital equipment needs, Denham included a new road grader on the list. The equipment currently in service was purchased in 1948. He estimated a new one would come in around \$185,000.

"We have 6.5 miles of unpaved roadways and parking lots," Denham told the committee members, which require attention twice annually.

Denham is also asking the Capital Planning Committee to consider a surf rake for beach cleaning, a tool much needed on the public beach located adjacent to the YMCA camp. Also needed, Denham said, are a sidewalk plow, a street sweeper/catch basin cleaner, a five-ton roller, and a drain cleaner. The estimated total for all items on the vehicle and equipment list is \$671,113.

Other Highway Department needs and expenses Denham discussed were the repairs and upgrades to the town barn and office. He noted the need to upgrade bathroom facilities, insulate exterior walls, replace windows, and make improvements to the storage shed totaling \$344,500. He noted there are some funds that have already been appropriated towards building repairs.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for **March 8** at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room at which time Dale Barrows, Board of Health Agent, is scheduled to attend to discuss the transfer station and community nurse. The Finance Committee will also meet again on March 14 and 22 for

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Library Project Approval is in the Books

Marion Planning Board

By Sarah French Storer

On March 5 with a light agenda, the Marion Planning Board dispensed with two hearings, giving the green light to the Taber Library Improvement Project and approving a residential pier off Delano Road.

Library Trustee Bob Raymond, accompanied by Board of Trustees President Jay Pateakos, began the presentation of the pre-submission conference Site Plan Review of the Elizabeth Taber Library Improvement Project with a brief history of its genesis.

Over a year ago, a donor approached the library trustees offering to fund building accessibility improvements, specifically the installation of a ramp, benches, and new automatic door operators. The trustees worked with the donor, Ms. Peggy Repass, on the design for the library, which is loosely based on the public library courtyard in Camden, Maine.

The design of the stone benches in particular captured the imagination of Planning Board member Will Saltonstall. After Raymond let on that the titles of decorative stone books that would form the supports for the benches had yet to be selected, Saltonstall suggested, "Donate money, you get to name a book!"

Repass resides in Florida in the winter, returning to Marion in June, giving hope that the project could be completed by then.

Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum suggested tying-in the Taber Library improvements with the Town House project, "...coming together as one campus." Raymond agreed, pointing out that the sidewalks were designed to intersect with the Town House pathways.

With few comments on design details, next up was procedure. Saltonstall questioned whether a minor Site Plan Review was applicable to this project, asking the applicants if Building Commissioner Scott Shippey had suggested they come before the board. Project architect Erica Patten of T2 Architects in Marion acknowledged

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that, due to the fact that the project was publically owned, they wanted to make sure all the bases were covered.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Stephen Kokkins observed that there were no drainage issues and no traffic concerns, affirming Saltonstall's question of applicability of a Site Plan Review. Board member Norm Hills referred to the bylaws stating that the project was not a building or a structure or a change of use, and the access structure was less than 500 square feet in area.

Board member Andrew Daniel, who is a vocal supporter of creating accessibility and ADA compliance, first stated "You won't find a bigger supporter than me," but he was cautious, citing a concern that it might appear that the board was letting the project move forward

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because it was a Town project. Hills responded that the board was following the letter of the bylaws, which seemed to satisfy Daniel.

After a brief discussion in which the board was assured of the reuse of the beautiful pink granite steps on site, the board voted unanimously that there was no need for a Site Plan Review.

Architect Patten was heard saying after the vote, "That will certainly help getting it done by summer!"

Engineer David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider and Associates, Inc. came before the board briefly to tie up loose ends from the previous public hearing for the Special Permit for a pier as an accessory use for Carolyn G. Martin at 282 Delano Road. Davignon provided the board with a new project narrative that corrected a previous reference to the old bylaws. In addition, Davignon informed the board that the public hearing for the project had been closed by the Conservation Commission last week, and the project received a verbal vote of approval. He is awaiting the paperwork, which he will provide the board upon his receipt. Kokkins confirmed that the plan before the board was identical to the plan they had seen at the previous meeting. The board approved the pier, with standard pier language that had been reviewed by town counsel.

In other business, discussion turned to old business, and the issue of the marijuana moratorium was raised.

"The town passed the moratorium – now comes the hard part," said Hills.

Marum declared that the Board of Health had already developed bylaws which were before town counsel, which Daniels questioned – "They've already written one (sic)?" Marum clarified that the board had a template.

Kokkins asked about the timeline leading up to December 31, and Hills reminded the board that the Town was waiting for the state regulations, which were due March 15.

Board member Chris Collings wondered aloud about the Town's economic opportunity in licensing the marijuana establishments, saying, "This could be worth a

few dollars – it's a cash-rich business."

Collings later stated, "[This] prospective business has to have a security plan; local police need resources to review this. Could this be a ten thousand dollar license? Could it be renewable? [The police] need to review [the security plan] each year? My comment is to get as much out of this as we can."

Marum interrupted Collings' musings with a terse, "We are the Planning Board. We are not in the business of selling marijuana."

Daniel weighed in, saying that he agreed with Collings in that "the Town should benefit." Collings added, "At least make sure we cover our costs."

The licensing fees are set by the state, however, and so far, stated in the draft state regulations, the percentage the town receives would be defined within a tentative Host Community Agreement. Marum pointed out that the so-called community impact fee could be as much as 3% of gross sales, but the Town would need to provide documentation to justify that amount. Marum reiterated, "There are a few things that need to be ironed out."

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for **March 19** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Court Upholds Permits for Bitumen Project

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A group of Rochester residents, through their attorney Ben O'Grady, are seeking the assistance of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), a division of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The reason for the request: the apparent resurrection of plans for a bituminous concrete manufacturing facility on five acres off Kings Highway that recently saw the light of day after years in litigation.

Attorney Stephen Meltzer and environmental scientist Briscoe Lang went before the Rochester Conservation Commission on March 6, representing the project owner Gerry Lorruso of Edgewood Development Company. Taking the lead in the discussion, Meltzer

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gave a brief history of the project that predates not only his involvement with the company, but also predates appointments of several Conservation Commission members.

Meltzer said a Notice of Intent filed in 2010 underwent thorough review by various town boards, including the Conservation Commission – a process taking many months. The project was conditioned. However, that decision was later appealed, as were several other decisions that sent the project to land court and the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

The final decision upheld the permits.

Meltzer is seeking an extension to previously granted conditions so that the project might finally begin.

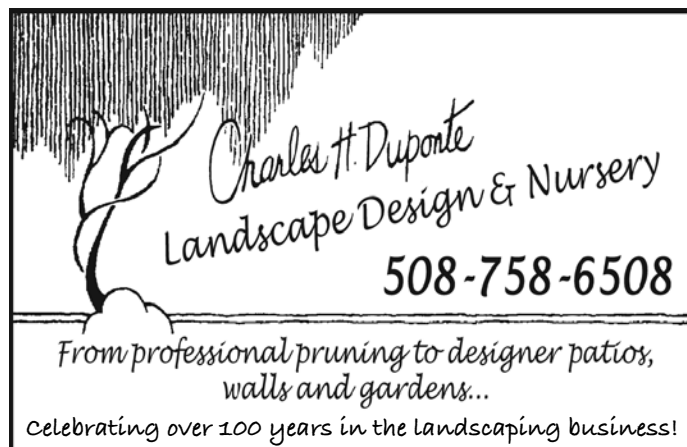
But Attorney O'Grady asked the commissioners to consider that he is seeking to have the project oversight moved to MEPA. He said, "Our concerns are that site conditions have changed, the commission's conditions are seven years old, [and] the board members have changed."

O'Grady said, given that the development group is seeking to build an industrial facility in a wooded area close to wetlands, another review cycle was warranted.

Lang rose, saying, "The wetlands are manmade. They are the same; they have not changed – the wetland lines have not changed, nor has the project or the bylaws." He said he would welcome the commission to a site visit to address any questions the commissioners might have and to give the newer members an opportunity to review the file.

O'Grady also presented the group with a letter from a wetland scientist, but ConCom Chairman Daniel Gagne said they needed time to digest the newly submitted letter. He also asked Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon to provide any and all documents for their review and to advise the commissioners on the impact their decision will have on MEPA involvement.

MEPA conducts reviews of the environmental impact of projects that require one or more state agency actions including soliciting public opinion, coordination of project review with proponents, consultants, and citizens, and makes recommendations to the secretary on the adequacy of environmental documentation.



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The request was continued until April 17 with an April 14 site visit date scheduled.

In other business, on an unrelated project, Meltzer received a Negative Determination for a Request for Determination of Applicability for construction of a new home located at 157 Forbes Road.

The commissioners also issued a Certificate of Compliance to Derek Maksy for property located at 44 Clear Pond Road.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for **March 20** at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall meeting room.



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Resident Gets Guidance on Pier Pursuit

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

After his next-door neighbor decided to file for approval for a new pier, William Mansulla took a look at his old dilapidated 'pier' and thought, "Maybe I should see what I need to do in order to have a nice pier, too."

On February 28, the Marion Conservation Commission gave Mansulla some guidance on the process of filing an application for a pier, which ultimately led Mansulla to one conclusion: "I think it's gonna be a pretty costly project either way."

Mansulla, who has owned 287 A Delano Road since 1965, said there was always an old pier-like structure on the water, but over time it crumbled and crumbled some more. Since Mansulla and his family had never been active water recreationalists, he never sought to have the pier repaired. Now, however, summer tenants have been enjoying the water and have been using whatever is left of the pier for water sports. Mansulla thought it would make the experience nicer for his tenants if he pursued a pier repair or reconstruction.

The problem, however, is that the solid fill-type dock that is there is no longer allowed and was never properly licensed. The commission agreed that Mansulla could probably work around the existing pier or pick a new spot for it, but he would have to go through the rigorous process with the help of a qualified engineer.

Conservation Commission member Shaun Walsh advised Mansulla that he would require a Chapter 91 license and other subsequent approvals along the way, making an engineer essential.

"I knew it was nothing simple," said Mansulla.

Unsure of whether he would proceed or not, and whether he would even receive approval, Conservation Commission member Jeff Doubrava told him that during the years he has served on the commission, "I don't think I've heard of a dock that was proposed that was not allowed eventually," adding, however, that people have had "hoops to jump through to get it."

Before Mansulla left, the commission reminded him that before he were to do any work, including any repairs to an existing seawall, he would have to appear before the commission.

In other matters, the commission anticipates a request to withdraw without prejudice the Notice of Intent for pipe repair and invasive removal/mitigation at Great Hill. The commission had given the applicant's initial Request for Determination a positive determination, requiring the filing of a NOI because the proposed work would later affect the wetlands in some way. The representative for Cathy Stone, on behalf of Great Hill-Marion, LLC, said, because of the requirement to file a NOI, along with a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection expressing some concerns, the project has ballooned outside the scope originally intended.

Also during the meeting, the commission issued an Order of Conditions for the Notice of Intent to construct a timber pier with a gangway and float to provide deep water access at 282 Delano Road. The hearing for applicant Carolyn Martin was continued from February 14, and on February 28 the commission granted approval for the 175-foot long pier with a gangway at the end with a 10- by 20-foot float to be installed upon four pilings, one at each corner to allow for easier seasonal removal and replacement. The project had already received approval from the harbor master, the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, the Division of Marine Fisheries, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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The MassDEP Waterways Program was waiting for an Order of Conditions and Planning Board approval before issuing its permit; the Planning Board agreed it would approve the application once the Conservation Commission issued the OOC.

The commission granted a Negative Determination (no Notice of Intent required) for an RDA filed by the Estate of Marie L. Ahearn for an upgrade to a Title 5 compliant 1,500-gallon septic tank and 1,000-gallon pump chamber and raised leaching area at 534A Point Road.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for **March 14** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

District Reinforces Safety at Sippican School

Marion School Committee

By Jean Perry

Marion Police Chief John Garcia is working more closely with Sippican School Principal Lyn Rivet and school staff on reinforcing security at the school, which Rivet detailed for the Marion School Committee on Wednesday, February 28.

The school has already implemented a stricter policy for visitors to the school, requiring them to present identification before being permitted access. For larger events, the school will continue to require visitors to RSVP and provide IDs upon entry. Visitors may not enter with pocketbooks, bags, or backpacks, and anyone dropping off bags of school supplies will be instructed to leave them with administration at the main office for pick up.

All Tri-Town school districts are implementing School-Check-In to scan the licenses and identifications of visitors, and a stick-on tag will be printed for visitors to display while inside the buildings.

Rivet said she met with Chief Garcia that day, as well as the Tuesday prior when she said she "bounced ideas off" the chief to yield new ways of integrating a police presence within the school with a visibility that is positive for the students.

"I appreciated his openness," Rivet said. "And as an immediate extending of new collaboration, parents

and children can expect to have a lot more visibility in the building at lunch times and at recess times."

The chief, Rivet said, "...Wants to be part of the school."

"He expects to see [the officers] playing games with the children at recess," said Rivet, "so families can look forward to that. I think that will be a wonderful visibility."

Superintendent Doug White said he has met with Rivet recently at school about playground safety and security and how to manage that space more effectively. White said he would be returning to the committee later with further details on security strategies during a future executive session.

"On Friday, all schools discussed current strategies dealing with a person who may get into our building or someone who doesn't belong there ... or an active shooter," White said. "There's more to be done by all of us to make sure that we're all on the same page, so we're working towards making sure that all of our schools are safe."

Furthermore, said White, Garcia is working towards providing "assurance of safety of all our buildings."

White added that parents who may be concerned about their children, including behavioral concerns, should contact the principal, the school psychologist, or even the school nurse.

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"Thank you for all the work that you've been doing ... to make sure that this continues to be a wonderful and safe place to come to school every day," School Committee Chairman Christine Marcolini said.

In budget news, just ahead of meeting with the Marion Finance Committee later that evening, School Business Administrator Patrick Spencer told the committee they would be presenting FinCom with a fiscal year 2019 budget of \$6,058,000 – an increase of \$129,000 or 2.09% from the FY18 budget of \$5,929,000.

The main thrusts of the FY19 budget, as Spencer put it, are the areas of social/emotional development and technology – "Two areas that we're trying to move forward," said Spencer. This part of the budget includes adding .4 to the integrated teaching position, plus another .2 to the physical education position "to enhance the health program and well-round the physical education program."

"This will also help to ensure that the children are getting the response to intervention that they need," said Rivet. "Children will also be getting the academic services that they need ... instead of missing a trimester." Some students, said Rivet, are not receiving health education because they are receiving other needed services during that time.

The district is also responsible for funding the Bristol County Agricultural High School tuition for students who attend from outside that school's district.

The district is budgeting for three students to attend Bristol Aggie next year, although that number could go up or down. The rest of the increases fall under staff contractual agreements.

"The budget is a really good one," said Marcolini. "I think it's solid and it's what we need at this point."

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for **April 11** at 6:30 pm at Sippican School.

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ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

Safety in schools is an important topic currently being discussed all over the country, and it is also something that is being taken seriously at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Last week, the entire high school staff was called down for a pair of meetings that highlighted the current state of security at ORR and steps that can and will be taken to improve it.

There were a few immediate changes that could be seen throughout the final days of the week.

"We're asking classrooms to remain in the locked position (with doors locked from the hallways) to better facilitate a lockdown, should the situation arise," Principal Mike Devoll said. "Students also need to be held to a greater accountability of where they are in the building, as they always should be."

School Librarian Allison Barker gave an example of how the tighter procedures work.

"Students are supposed to have passes for coming to the library during their study or just for printing," said Barker. "They also sign-in on library computers when they stay for study so we have a list of who is in the library."

A couple of students who were encountered walking the halls at that time, like senior Alice Bednarczyk – students of the post-Columbine era – are a bit more skeptical towards some of the implementations.

"I think personally, we as students shouldn't have to be worried about our own safety when trying to receive our education, so now it feels like we're all going to be shut up because it's become such a consuming thing," Bednarczyk said. "With the locked doors on classrooms, I now have to knock to get back into the classroom so I have to both ask to leave and come back in."

"And if something happens when you are in the bathroom or in the halls during passing times, then you can't get to safety in any classroom if they are locked," senior Noah Paknis added.

Of course, these aren't the only security features that ORRHS is putting into place to increase the overall safety and security of students at school.

"We had a meeting Friday morning with the police chiefs from all three towns about an active student shooter situation," Devoll said on the strengthening safety



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

I realize that I should take my cat to the vet annually to get a physical and whatever vaccinations may be due, but getting the cat into the cat carrier is a chore. Any hints?

Cats are not dumb. If they see the cat carrier come out they disappear. Some cats don't mind the carrier if it is left out all year round. Feed them in the carrier, allow them to nap in it, let it be associated with more pleasant experiences than a car ride.

If you haven't gotten the cat to think positively about the carrier, put the cat in a bathroom prior to getting the carrier out of the basement. That way the cat can't disappear. Bring the carrier into the bathroom and keep the door closed so the cat won't escape. Feliway is a pheromone that may decrease your cat's anxiety when it is sprayed or wiped on the carrier.

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procedures. "We've developed a schedule for ALICE training. We've re-evaluated our full-site evacuation policy – how to bus students off campus, how to reunite with families."

Devoll stressed, "We will not be arming our teachers."

"We have an armed school resource officer in the building," said Devoll. "We also are looking to have a consistent barricade method (since doors open both ways), and the glass school vestibule (front doors) is being redone with bulletproof glass this summer."

At least one student, the freshman class president Lucy Zhang, said she is still more concerned with her grades than her safety at ORR.

"Our school runs multiple drills such as the ALICE drills. Now teachers are required to lock doors, students can only be in hallways with passes, and I'm pretty sure we have cameras at every entrance," says Zhang. "I don't know if all the school's safety measures will guarantee no deaths if the unfortunate event of a school shooting occurs, but it will definitely prevent the loss of more lives."

Tabor Grad Excited for Future at Gordon College

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

When Tabor Academy graduate **Matt Valles** of Mattapoisett joined the Gordon College men's basketball



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team, the Fighting Scots had been in a bit of a playoff drought, struggling to earn a win in the first round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference. But this year, with the help of Valles, No. 2 Gordon won its first-round matchup 99-85 against No. 7 Salve Regina.

The Fighting Scots would go on to lose 86-70 in the CCC semifinals to No. 3 Endicott, but Valles knows this is a step in the right direction for the program.

"I feel like we have so much potential as a team," Valles said. "Coming together towards the end of the year was so huge for us. And it's cool to think we're going to basically have pretty much the same team next year. We have really high hopes for next year."

Valles appeared in 25 of Gordon's 27 games, making 23 starts. He was in charge of guarding the best player on the floor on a nightly basis and made contributions on offense – scoring 4.6 points a game and scoring double-figures twice.

Although he wouldn't say that he was completely satisfied with his freshman campaign, Valles believes he's heading in the right direction.

"I believe I met my expectations," Valles said. "But I'm never really satisfied. I try to work as long and hard as I can. So hopefully next year I'll be satisfied."

With the offseason beginning after the last whistle, Valles is already back to work, even though there's nothing mandatory until after spring break. The soon-to-be sophomore knows he'll have to evolve his game a little in order to keep his starting spot in the lineup.

That is why he will not only spend more time in the weight room, but he will also focus on improving his ball handling. That way, he can play the small forward position on defense, since those are the players he typically covers to begin with.

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"We're supposed to keep getting quite bigger kids, so I'm going to try and expand my game and be as versatile as I possibly can be," Valles said.

That would give Gordon a 6-foot-6 small forward and a 6-foot-11 center in Valles's classmate **Parker Omslaer** to go with whatever other big men Gordon decides to bring in next season.

After finishing second in the regular season, it seems Valles and Gordon will be well equipped to improve their finish in both the regular season and CCC tournament, with the hopes to make it to the NCAA Division III men's basketball tournament.

Old Rochester Regional

Second seed Old Rochester Regional girls' basketball was upset by No. 15 Pembroke 38-32 in the first round of the MIAA Division 2 South tournament. The young team had trouble dealing with some of the added tension and adversity that comes with a playoff game, but they now have some experience to build on for the future. **May Butler** was the lone Bulldog to finish with double digits in the points column, scoring 10. **Meg Horan** scored nine points and **Cassidy Yeomans** had eight. The Bulldogs finish the year 18-3 after the loss.

Fifth seeded ORR boys' basketball suffered a similar fate in the opening round of the MIAA Division 3 South tournament, competing a division below the girls' team. The Bulldogs came up short in overtime against No. 12 Norwell, falling 48-46. **Jason Gamache** finished with



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17 points, five rebounds, and two steals in the loss. **Jake Asiaf** scored 11, grabbed five rebounds, and had a steal. **Cole McIntyre** had six rebounds and assists, four assists, and a steal. Old Rochester Regional finishes the 2017-2018 at 17-4.

Old Colony

After taking down No. 11 Diman 64-50, a team that had beaten No. 6 Old Colony in both meetings during the regular season, the Cougars were unable to take down No. 3 Mashpee in the MIAA Division 4 South tournament quarterfinals, losing 78-60. **Jake Jason** scored 33 points, accounting for over half the team's scoring, while **Zach Soucy** had 15. Together Soucy and Jason were responsible for 80 percent of the team's scoring, with the rest of the team contributing 12 points. The Cougars finish the season 15-7 after going 1-1 in the tournament.

Fifth seeded Old Colony girls' basketball also made their way to the MIAA Division 4 South tournament quarterfinals after defeating Sacred Heart 49-36 in the first-round matchup. But their next opponent, Coyle-Cassidy, proved to be too much for the Cougars to handle and they fell 66-16. The Cougars finish the season 17-5 following the loss.

Letters to the Editor

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Our elections are coming up on Friday, May 18, and there are several positions that need to be filled. Please consider running for one of them: two seats on the Selectboard for either 1 or 3 years; two 3-year seats on the Planning Board; a 1-year position as Moderator; and 3-year terms on the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Marion School Committee, and the Marion Open Space and Acquisitions Committee. Election papers are now available at the Town Clerk's office, and they must be returned by March 26. Candidates' Night will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 3 in the Music Hall.

Many non-elected volunteer groups and committees also exist, so please ask about the possibilities. Be a Marion "difference-maker" – our town won't stay great without you.

For more information, please contact Town Clerk Lissa Maguaran at 508-748-3502 or a member of the group

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you are interested in at MarionMa.gov.

Jennifer Francis

Member of Tri-Town League of Women Voters

To the Editor:

I am appalled and disgusted by the amount of trash that is destroying our beautiful town! I have never seen so much of it and am astounded that it is being obviously discarded carelessly by uncaring people!

I started to put a trash bag in my trunk and stop as often as I can to pick up what I can, but the amount is daunting and seems to reappear quickly!

Who is doing this? In a time when one shouldn't profile, it sure seems to me like it is our contractors and workers since most of the items are empty lunch containers, coffee cups, drink bottles, pizza boxes, etc. What is most alarming is the number of 'nips' that I am picking up! Hundreds of them all along the roads. If these are workers, it brings up additional concerns as well.

What can we do to catch the perpetrators? Cameras? Something needs to be done or this situation will not improve.

I would like to ask any concerned and able citizens to help clean up this mess and join a campaign to stop it!

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To the Editor:

I have noticed many flags this week and weeks past being flown in a worn or ripped state. The U.S. Flag Code states that "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Each year on Veterans Day, the Boys Scouts have a flag burning ceremony. They collect flags all year long and have a box outside of the Mattapoisett Library to place the worn flag. Please take a moment to look at your flag and replace if worn. If flying the flag is important to you, show it the respect it deserves.

Thank you,

Lisa Hill, Mattapoisett

Academic Achievements

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December 2017. The list includes:

Marion resident Terence Lee, majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Lee is a member of the University Honors Program.

OBITUARIES



Mary Ellen Rickard, age 72, of Rochester, MA died February 27, 2018 at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescence home after a lengthy battle with early onset dementia. She was the wife of Peter H. Rickard.

Born and raised in Brockton, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary C. (Brennan) Joyce, she lived in North Attleboro, MA for 28 years, raising her two daughters there. She is survived by her daughter Nicole C. Rickard, DVM and her husband David Lempert of Marion, MA and Bridget A. Foley and her husband Thomas P. Foley IV of Braintree MA. She was a proud Nana to her 3 grandchildren, Shanley Lempert, Callum Lempert and Patricia Foley. She was the sister of the late Michael Joyce, Thomas Joyce and Neil Joyce. Mary Ellen was also close with her extended family including her cousins and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Ellen was a caring and kind person. She loved her family and her beloved pets. She loved to golf and garden. She was an adept crafter, creating beautiful jewelry and sewing and knitting. Mary Ellen taught Physical Education at Southeastern Regional Vocational School, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational School, and spent many years as an elementary PE teacher at the Roosevelt Avenue School in North Attleboro.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Dr. Dickerson's Dementia Research Program in the Massachusetts General Hospital Frontotemporal Disorders Unit. Your generous gifts support the clinical care and research efforts for individuals living with early onset dementias.

Donations may be made online at <https://Giving.MassGeneral.org/FTDUnit>. They may also be sent by mail to the MGH Frontotemporal Disorders Unit. Attn: Raseeka Premchander, 149 13th Street, Suite 2691, Charlestown, MA 02129. Checks payable to "MGH Dr. Dickerson Lab" and in the memo line, please put "Dementia Research".

Visiting hours were celebrated on Friday March 2nd at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. Her Memorial Mass was

celebrated on Saturday March 3rd in St. Anthony's Church. A family celebration of her life followed. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Maureen (Albernaz) Kennedy, 68, of Rochester, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2018, at St. Anne's Hospital, in Fall River, after a long courageous battle with Machado Joseph Disease. She was the wife of 43 years, of Daniel J. Kennedy.

Born and raised in Fall River, daughter of the late Louis and Rita (Pelletier) Albernaz, she lived in New Bedford prior to settling in Rochester, in 1997. She was a graduate of the Dominican Academy, in Fall River, and was Valedictorian of her class at BCC. She and her husband were the proprietors of Dan Kennedy General Contracting.

Maureen was very talented with her hands and made numerous needlepoint, paintings, dolls, clothing and quilted items.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Sean Kennedy and his companion Barbara Moco and their daughter Zoey of Fairhaven; a daughter, Sarah Kennedy and her husband Jesse Cannon and their daughter Sadie of Bristol, RI; a sister, Lorraine Camara of Fall River; three brothers, Louis Albernaz, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Fall River, Raymond Albernaz and his wife Lori of Tiverton, RI and Norman Albernaz and his wife Elizabeth of Somerset; and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes she was cremated and a celebration of Maureen's life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Donaghy Funeral Home, 465 County St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

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Mattapoisett resident Evan Roznoy, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Roznoy is a member of the University Honors Program.

Mattapoisett resident Paige Watterson, majoring in Economics. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Watterson is a member of the University Honors Program.

Marion resident Jonathan Harris, majoring in Health Science.

Marion resident Lucy Saltonstall, majoring in Communication Studies.

Mattapoisett resident Amanda Carreiro, majoring in Health Science.

Mattapoisett resident Madison Durr, majoring in Nursing.

Mattapoisett resident James Goulart, majoring in Chemistry.

Rochester resident Alexandra Melloni, majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

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Portrait of President Grover Cleveland

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9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Euro Kitchen
11:30 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Eat Well Be Happy
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM Films for Justice
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
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9:30 PM Off the Shelf
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM The Weakness
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7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM Billy Ray Cyrus Interview and Video Show
9:00 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
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2:30 PM The Kamla Show
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3:30 PM Ghost Chronicles - Next Generation
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sorts Talk
5:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
6:00 PM Media Edge
8:00 PM J9 on 9
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
9:30 PM 30 Medical Minutes
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM Ghost Chronicles - Next Generation

Saturday March 10, 2018

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival

9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Fak'd 8 TV News
10:30 AM South Coast Central News
11:00 PM Money Matters TV
11:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:00 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
2:00 PM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
2:30 PM The Buzz Around Bees
3:00 PM Around the House
3:30 PM Talking Trek Show
4:30 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:00 PM Arts Alive
5:30 PM The O! Melodious Show
6:00 PM The World Fusion Show
6:30 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
7:00 PM Ghost Chronicles - Next Generation
8:00 PM Two Times with Geroge Lopes
8:30 PM Geroge Washington: The Indispensable President
10:00 PM Words on Film
11:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk

Sunday March 11, 2018

7:00 AM Health Care Matters
7:30 AM Today's Message
8:00 AM Chef's Table
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
11:00 AM Carpe Diem
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
1:00 PM Angel Talk
1:30 PM Billy Ray Cyrus Interview and Video Show
2:00 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester
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4:30 PM Sound Off
5:30 PM Neighbor to Nations
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
8:30 PM Media Edge
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:30 PM CPDCE Lecture Series

Monday March 12, 2018

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7:30 AM Spotlight on Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on The Move
8:30 AM Cape Conversations
9:00 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?

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11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
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7:00 PM The Collective Chat
7:30 PM Mario and Dennis Show
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Tuesday March 13, 2017

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7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Sing Along Fun with Miss Miriam
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM You Hungry?
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
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Wednesday March 14, 2018

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7:30 AM Senior Medicare Patrols
8:00 AM Conversations with Dr.Don
9:00 AM Chico and Brian
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Chef's Table

11:30 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Yoga for Health
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
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Channel 95 - Marion Government Daily Schedule

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11:00 AM Marion Planning Board - February 20, 2018
12:00 PM Marion School Committee - January 10, 2018
1:30 PM Marion Special Town Meeting - February 15, 2018
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ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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10:00 PM Rochester Board Selectmen - February 26, 2018
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EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 97

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR AP Seminar
9:00 AM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Somerset
10:00 AM ORRHS Boys Ice Hockey vs Dighton-Rehoboth
11:00 AM OC Girls Varsity Basketball vs Case
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR AP Seminar
2:00 PM OC Girls Varsity Basketball vs Tri-County
3:00 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Dartmouth
4:00 PM ORR Boys Ice Hockey vs Taunton
5:00 PM ORRHS Senior Superlatives
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony TV Episode 2
7:00 PM ORR Girls Hockey vs Boston Latin
8:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Norton
9:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Norwell
10:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Case
11:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 38

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - February 15, 2018

SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



its exhibit, "Marion in the Golden Age," co-curated by Frank McNamee and Judith Rosbe. Cleveland was the only American president to serve two non-consecutive terms – from 1885-1889 and then from 1893-1897. Cleveland and his wife, Frances, were invited to visit Marion by Arctic explorer, Adolphus Greeley, and they subsequently fell in love with this charming seaside village. They then rented homes in Marion for the four summers between Cleveland's two presidential terms. The Clevelands were good friends of Richard Watson Gilder, the editor of the famed *Century Magazine* in New York City, whose family also summered in Marion. President Cleveland was an avid fisherman and he spent countless hours fishing on Buzzards Bay with the famous actor Joseph Jefferson. Cleveland's Ledge, where they liked to fish, is named after Grover Cleveland. The Clevelands loved the town



so much that they even named one of their daughters Marion.

The portrait of President Cleveland was painted by Charles Sidney Raleigh, who was born in Gloucester, England in 1830. Raleigh ran away to join the British Navy and served on a vessel commanded by his uncle. He also served in the American Navy during the Mexican War. In 1877, Raleigh settled in New Bedford and was listed as a marine painter. He was self-taught and specialized in ship portraits and marine scenes in the folk art tradition. He also painted portraits, and this work depicting President Grover Cleveland is one of his most important portraits. Raleigh also lived in Wareham at the Captain John Kendrick house, where he had his studio. The Kendrick House, owned and operated by the Wareham Historical Society, is located on the waterfront in downtown Wareham and contains a wonderful maritime collection, including numerous marine paintings by Raleigh. It is open to the public during the months of June, July and August. The Sippican Historical Society is located on the corner of Front and Main Streets in historic Marion Village. It is open to the public free of charge on Tuesdays from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please stop by and visit President Grover Cleveland.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Oscar Night 2018

By Rob Gonsalves
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The most Oscar-y part of the 90th Academy Awards came when there was a comedic bit so long and unwieldy it had to unfold across either half of a commercial break. In it, host Jimmy Kimmel and a variety of celebs from the ceremony (Guillermo del Toro, Armie Hammer, Mark Hamill) took a stroll over to the nearby TCL Chinese Theatre (formerly Grauman's). The bit was largely pointless and self-congratulatory (good fellows, let us favor the groundlings with our presence!), especially when you consider the moviegoers in the theater were probably there because of indifference to the Oscars in the first place. But then that's Oscar: bloated and self-regarding.

And I say that as someone who loves movies, and as a bleeding-heart liberal who agrees with many of the progressive, inclusive ideas espoused in the nominated films and by the presenters and winners. Even for *me*, the sanctimony got a tad thick — imagine how it played for those in the middle or right of same. At times, one might have taken the temperature of the evening by trying to divine which nominee would most annoy the current president. Among the nods for Best Director were one woman, one African-American, and one Mexican. That the race between directors, and between their films, broke down thus is, I would say, encouraging (the two white men, Paul Thomas Anderson and Martin McDonagh, contented themselves with “your nomination is your award”).

In the midst of all this, it seemed, the show needed to feint at *rapprochement* with red-staters via a pro-military montage. There was also a good deal of #MeToo rhetoric, but as for its real-world efficacy, we shall see. (Do we know of any upcoming major-studio, big-budget films willing to cast Ashley Judd, Mira Sorvino, or Annabella Sciorra in significant roles to make up for what Harvey Weinstein did to their careers? That, I think, would be more helpful to them and to similarly insulted and injured women than feel-good lip service.) If these Boomer and Gen-X filmmakers don't know the current crop of #NeverAgain youngsters have left them in the dust, it can only be because they don't want to know. The future belongs to Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg.

But we were talking about the Oscars, weren't we? It got in before the midnight curfew, but I've never really minded the length. The Oscars are long. They



will always be long, and there will always be things we wish weren't there, at the expense of things we wish were there. They should really stop doing In Memoriam, since we all find things to hate in it (no Tobe Hooper??). Grousing about

the Oscars is as big a sport as just watching/enjoying them. There's really no difference. Again, as in recent years, there wasn't much of anything enormously ill-advised; even the wrong-envelope debacle last year was a mistake, not something that people actually sat down and planned, unlike the infamous Snow White Incident of 1989. There hasn't been anything *that* indelibly wrong-headed in a while.

Which is a little sad. Jimmy Kimmel has been a perfectly competent host (it lost something this year without Matt Damon for Kimmel to spar with), but no one will remember his gigs the way they remember David Letterman's tour of duty, excoriated at the time but now seen as more or less an appropriate response to the glitz factory. What the Oscars have lacked for years is a certain sense of are-we-live? danger, the knowledge that anything can happen. Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway found that out last year, and they returned this year, because Hollywood loves a comeback, and because they probably didn't want the last thing they're noted for on this earth to be screwing up the Oscars.

In truth, the Oscars could use more screwing up. As usual, there are mitigating oddities: the director of *Blade 2* now has an Oscar, as do Drexel the pimp, Guy Fleegman, and the star of a Chuck Lorre sitcom. I was rooting for *Get Out*, as much because I'm a horror fan as because I legitimately dug the movie, although there would have been reasons to welcome or at least tolerate the ascension of any of the nine nominees. *Get Out* spoke incisively about white “liberal” hypocrisy, but it also worked like gangbusters as a new suspense classic. If it didn't — if it didn't have that ruthlessly efficient script expertly playing the audience like a piano — no one would be talking about it even a year later. Its Oscar win may or may not increase its viewership, but it will most certainly make any project Jordan Peele pitches more attractive to the beancounters. And the point of the Oscars is more Jordan Peele movies, or movies of comparable energy, originality, and craft. Finally, Roger Deakins — a great talent almost as snubbed by Oscar as Susan Lucci was by the Emmys — won, at long last, for Best Cinematography, an honor he should have won at least seven times before. But he has an Oscar now, so I didn't have to throw anything at the TV.

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the ballot this year including Selectman, Assessor, Mattapoisett School Committee, Trustee of Public Library, Moderator, Water & Sewer Commissioner, Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, Planning Board, Mattapoisett Housing Authority and Community Preservation Committee. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, March 30, 2018. The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 ext. 2.

Hockey Unlimited Wraps Up Season

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a chance to learn to identify certain local trees in winter by their bark. Students compared red cedar bark to red pine, took a close look at various lichens and mosses that use tree bark as a surface to grow on, and counted rings in a log supplied by Hartley Saw Mill in Rochester. Luckily, we had a beautiful warm day so we ventured outside to take a closer look at our favorite nearby trees, measure tree trunks, examine the bark for color, roughness, insects, holes, and even saw whether or not they had a distinctive smell! As always, we at the museum were amazed at how passionate and informed our students are to learn more about their local species and habitats. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

Several students took advantage of the Marion Natural History Museum's new virtual reality set over the February vacation. Student Jacob Nye spent some time on a virtual tour of the Amazon Rain Forest, tried walking in space, and enjoyed visiting with animals under the sea. The virtual reality is available for children and adults to use by appointment only. Museum member families receive five free virtual tour visits, \$5 per visit for non-members. To schedule a time, please use the museum's email on the website www.marionmuseum.org. Hope to see you soon! Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



Larry Risko sent in this photo he took of an electrical fire in a tree on Brandt Beach Avenue in Mattapoisett during the storm on March 2.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Max Ohrenberger of Rochester received the Most Improved Player award. Tim Dyer, Managing Director & Head Coach of Hockey Unlimited, stated while presenting the award, "Max has shown that hard work and dedication can pay handsome dividends." Dyer went on to say "Max's skating and related hockey skills have improved almost every session he's been with us. We are pleased to have him on our roster."



The Hutchinson Family Sportsmanship Award was presented to Sophie Schiappa of Wareham. This award is named after the longtime Southeastern Massachusetts hockey family for "outstanding contributions to the program relative to sportsmanship and preserving the true spirit and 'love of the game' of hockey." Coach Jim Hutchinson, Jr. stated "I am very pleased to see Sophie recognized by Hockey Unlimited in this way. The sportsmanship, fellowship and friendly spirit she brings to our organization clearly contributes to the culture we like to see in our young people – both on and off the ice." Jim Hutchinson, Sr. the patriarch of the Hutchinson family, was on hand to present the award to Sophie ... whose father, Skip, and sister, Norah, are also

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Mattapoissett Cub Scout Pack 53 hosted its annual Pinewood Derby competition on Saturday, March 3. Photos by Rawn Duncan and Courtney Churchill submitted by Wendy Copps



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very involved with the program.

Also, the Comeback Player of the Year award was presented to Alicia Wohlgemuth of Halifax. Coach Patrick Hutchinson (and Hockey Unlimited Hall of Famer) noted ... "I've had the opportunity to work closely with Alicia the past few years, and it was impressive to see her bounce back so strongly this season after a nasty knee injury shortened her time on the ice with us last year."

"Found Objects" at the MAC

The Marion Art Center announces that it will host an exhibition entitled "Found Objects" from Friday, **March 2** through Saturday, **April 14**. The exhibition, which will showcase repurposed and upcycled materials made into art, features seven artists including Bo Burbank, John deMelim, David Allen Edgar, Angela Fiori, Teale Haley, Joan Hausrath, and John Nadeau. Both the Cecil Clarke Davis Gallery and the Patsy Francis Gallery will display a selection of sculptures, furniture, mixed media and collage artwork. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Gallery Hours (free and open to the public): Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham and New Bedford, Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and



Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry and farming.

We congratulate senior Sophie Gurney of Mattapoisett for being selected as Student of the Month for January by the Old Rochester

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Feb 25-March 3

- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Hartley Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Missing person
- Piney Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – MV collision
- Village Dr - Trespassing
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr – Disturbance/family
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd - Transport
- Dexter Rd – General service
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Dexter Rd – Officer wanted
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Fire/brush
- Aucoot Ave – Emergency services
- Front St – Emergency services
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Cottage St – General service
- Pleasant St – Health/welfare
- Olde Knoll Rd – Health/welfare
- Wianno Rd – EMS/medical
- Cranberry Hwy – EMS/mutual aid
- Pleasant St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 25-March 3

- Lynfield Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Mendell Rd – Assist other agency
- Justin Ave – Health/welfare
- Neds Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Acushnet Rd – Medical alarm
- Park St – Restraining order
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Park St – Summons service
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Old Tree Farm Rd – Follow up
- Lynfield Ln – Unwanted person
- Lynfield Ln – No trespass order issued
- Water St – MV lockout
- Upland Way – Animal control
- Alderberry Ln – Follow up
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Industrial Dr - Threats
- Acushnet Rd – Medical/assist
- Crystal Spring Rd – Vandalism
- Eldorado Dr – Medical/assist
- Wildwood Ter – Unattended death
- Pine Wood Way – Follow up
- Bowman Rd – Ambulance request
- Acushnet Rd – Medical/assist
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Crystal Spring Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Acorn Ln – Ambulance request

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 25-March 3

- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance request
- Comstock Pl – Ambulance request
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – MV accident
- Gerrish Rd – Lockout
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Clapp Rd – 911 hang up
- Dexter Ln – Fire/structure
- Paradise Ln – Officer wanted
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Paradise Ln – Restraining order service
- New Bedford Rd – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Cranberry Hwy – Ambulance request
- Benjamin Dr – Ambulance request
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious MV
- North Ave – MV accident
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV accident
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV accident
- Marion Rd – MV accident
- Rounseville Rd – Health/welfare
- Rounseville Rd – MV accident/arrest
- New Bedford Rd – Ambulance request
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Pine St – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 12: Meatloaf w/mush-room gravy, mashed potato, glazed beets, oatmeal bread, mixed fruit

Tuesday, March 13: Kale soup, chicken marsala, white/brown rice, fresh apple

Wednesday, March 14: Roast turkey w/ broccoli divan sauce, roasted potatoes, whole wheat roll, pears

Thursday, March 15: Special Meal: Corned beef hash, boiled potatoes, carrots & cabbage, raisin bread, diet pistachio pudding

Friday, March 16: Macaroni & cheese, tomato florentine, asparagus, fruit loaf, applesauce

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 12: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Tuesday, March 13: Chicken fajita w/ cheese, fiesta rice, cucumber slices, fresh baked cookie **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Wednesday, March 14: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, spiral fries **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Thursday, March 15: Memphis BBQ, pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, apple sauce **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese

wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Friday, March 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, March 12: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, bread stick, tossed salad **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Tuesday, March 13: Tangerine chicken, steamed rice, cucumber slices, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Wednesday, March 14: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, spiral fries **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Thursday, March 15: Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, apple sauce **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

Friday, March 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Turkey & cheese wrap **3rd choice:** Hot dog

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, March 12: Chicken tenders (buffalo or plain), lightly buttered noodles, Carol's bean salad

Tuesday, March 13: American chop suey w/bread stick, side garden salad

Wednesday, March 14: Seahorse

scrambler: bacon, egg & cheese scramble, English muffin, peaches & cream cup

Thursday, March 15: Roasted turkey dinner, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potato w/gravy, dinner roll, green beans

Friday, March 16: Ham & cheese panini (or) bacon, tomato & cheese panini w/ homemade soup, cucumber coins

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, March 12: American chop suey, green beans, garden salad, breadstick **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Chicken pot pie

Tuesday, March 13: Chicken fajita w/ cheese, fiesta rice, cucumber slices, fresh baked cookie **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Chicken pot pie

Wednesday, March 14: Waffles, sausage, hash brown, strawberry & cream cup **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Chicken pot pie

Thursday, March 15: Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, apple sauce **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Chicken pot pie

Friday, March 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Chicken pot pie

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, March 12: American chop suey, green beans, garden salad, breadstick **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Home-

made soup & cheesy breadstick

Tuesday, March 13: Chicken fajita w/ cheese, fiesta rice, cucumber slices, fresh baked cookie **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Homemade soup w/cheesy breadstick

Wednesday, March 14: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, strawberry & cream cup **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Homemade soup & cheesy breadstick

Thursday, March 15: Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, apple sauce **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Homemade soup & cheesy breadstick

Friday, March 16: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing **2nd choice:** Tuna salad roll **3rd choice:** Homemade soup & cheesy breadstick

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, March 12: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn & gravy & biscuit

Tuesday, March 13: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce, baked beans & bread

Wednesday, March 14: Tacos, salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato & corn & bean salad

Thursday, March 15: Turkey club & sweet potato fries

Friday, March 16: Assorted stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad

month, as it is her mission to learn. She always does her best work and displays excellent effort in both academics and athletics. She is well liked by her classmates and by her teammates. She is a strong leader both on and off the field. Her friendly disposition also serves as a positive in the classroom and she motivates others to model this attitude as well. She compliments and praises acts of kindness because she, herself, lives each day by demonstrating kindness towards others. Sophie also volunteers in a local homeless shelter, tutoring elementary school students once or twice a week. She is that student who would be most likely to write a thank you card, no matter how big the gift or gesture was.

CPR Class

Learn how to save life. Restaurant crews, retail workers, school teachers and staff, spouses, parents, babysitters, everyone should get trained. Most people who experience cardiac arrest or choking at home, work, or in a public location need immediate help from someone on the scene. Be ready. Sign up for the Heartsaver CPR AED and Choke Save class on Monday, **April 2** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$35 or \$45 if you want a card. Located at COA entrance at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. Register by calling 508-758-4110 or by e-mailing to: coadirector@mattapoiset.net.

A Conversation with a Textile Conservator

Come to a free lecture by textile conservator Kathryn Tarleton, co-founder of ConText Inc. Ms. Tarleton will explain what textile conservators do and share the fascinating "behind-the-scenes" work conservators do in order to preserve historic objects and prepare them for exhibition. This lecture will be held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Sunday, **March 18** from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Please note: Attendees can bring in one textile object and based on time available, Ms. Tarleton will identify a sampling of objects as well as provide tips about how to best care for one's own textile and family heirlooms.

Please register for this event (reservations appreciated but walk-ins welcome) by calling 508-758-4171 or emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org and provide the number of people attending and contact information. The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Because of the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's

website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office). Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features One Water Street

The shingle-style home at One Water Street



was built in the early 1890s as a summer residence for George P. Hamlin. Together with his brother, Edward Hamlin, who built a summer residence at 23 Water Street, they owned the Metropolitan Coal Company in Boston. They were cousins of Abraham Lincoln's vice president, Hannibal Hamlin of Bangor, Maine. This waterfront home was designed by the Boston architect, William Gibbons Preston. Preston also designed the Museum of Natural History on Berkeley Street in Boston, the first Massachusetts Institute of Technology building (later demolished), and the Hotel Vendome in Boston. He also designed the home at 75 Water Street, along with commissions for Tabor Academy, the Music Hall and the Congregational Church.

Robyn Branco Appointed Executive Director of the Marion Institute

The Marion Institute, a nonprofit organization that has worked to foster positive social change since 1993, has announced the selection of Robyn Branco as its new Executive Director.

Effective immediately, Branco will fill the vacancy

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- 1 — Mart (retail giant)
4 Hushed "Hey!"
8 Part of PETA
15 Some snakes
19 Extra refrigerator convenience
21 Pre-euro Greek coin
22 Scrutinize, with "over"
23 Extremely bad weather, e.g.
25 Deep purple
26 Skating great Yamaguchi
27 Canton-born architect I.M.
28 Big cracker brand
30 Drink name suffix
31 Offering at a memorial service
37 Org. for Michelle Wie
40 '60s psychedelic
41 Nero's 1,006
42 Apply an oily liquid to
43 Folding art
46 It glances off the bat and counts as a strike

- 49 A while ago
50 Prevention of a blaze from spreading
53 Madden
54 "Dracula" director Browning
55 "— doin'!" ("Forget it!")
56 Melt
58 Dunne of movies
60 Slow, tempowise
64 Not less than
69 To be, at the Louvre
70 Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)
73 Essence
74 Actress Dawson
76 Hip-hop record label
77 "— suggest that ...?"
78 About
80 African land records
84 Philately item
88 Clash between social groups
93 Beseech
94 Husky-toned

- 95 Ominous
96 "All of Me" director Carl
98 Little hotel
99 Notable time stretch
101 One writing briefs: Abbr.
102 Efforts to protect ecosystems, say
108 Simile middle
109 — avis
110 Existential declaration
111 How very close games are won
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128 Here-there linkup

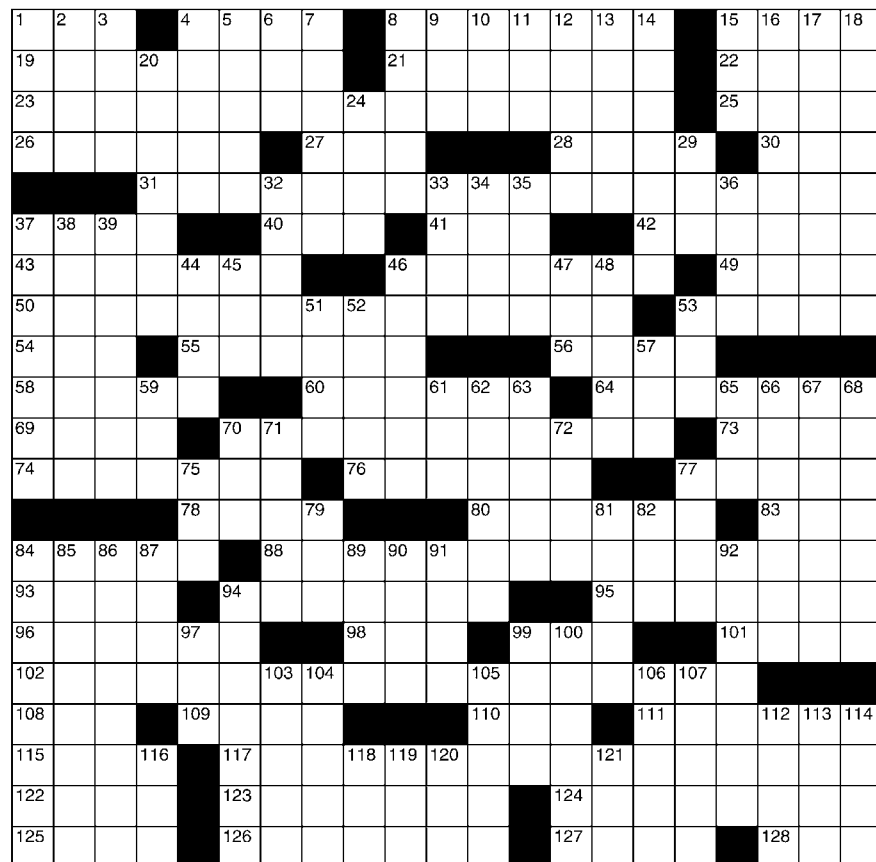
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2 Aspire PC maker
3 — Strauss jeans
4 Trilogy start

- 5 Yarn bundle
6 Minute div.
7 Recurring themes
8 Murphy of "48 Hrs."
9 Prefix with glyceride
10 Toque, e.g.
11 Here, in Arles
12 C minor, say
13 Prenatal test, briefly
14 Track racer's windup
15 iPhone extra
16 Comforting in sorrow
17 Discretion
18 College term
20 Text or email
24 Dweeby sort
29 Buddhism school
32 Film director Eastwood
33 "Hurry up!"
34 Half of a zygote
35 Cairo's river
36 When morning ends
37 More exalted
38 In advance of
39 Bridge parts
44 Skin ailment
45 Dairy sound

- 46 Conclusion
47 Blowup stuff
48 "— to Be You"
51 "Imagine —!"
52 Helped
53 Saddlery tool
57 Supped
59 School lobby gp.
61 Many a PC image file
62 Bite, break or bruise
63 "August: — County"
65 Mileage rating gp.
66 Send in via helicopter, maybe
67 Diamond-shaping method
68 Abounding in prickly plants
70 Grafton's "— for Innocent"
71 Saw edge
72 Apple desktop
75 Hip-hop music
77 Stupid
79 "— Day Will Come"
81 Jack Sprat's dietary rule
82 Genetic cell stuff

- 84 Family appellations
85 Value highly
86 Rabble-rouser
87 Diner list
89 Beef cut
90 Sunbathes
91 — Reader
92 Tilting
94 One walking
97 Flub up
99 Gabor and Mendes
100 French composer Jean-Philippe —
103 Felon's deed
104 Competed in a regatta
105 Fruit coats
106 "— hope so!"
107 Butter substitutes
112 Thom —
113 "Mr. Nobody" star Jared
114 River of Flanders
116 Mao — -tung
118 In advance of
119 Low coral reef
120 Bullring shout
121 Victims of NFL sacks



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your soft-hearted self is drawn to a tempting offer. But your hard-headed half isn't so sure. Best advice: Do it only after every detail is checked out to your liking.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your inventive mind should help you find a way to get around an apparently impassable barrier and make yourself heard. Your efforts get you noticed by the right people.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're enjoying this creative period. But by mid-week, you'll need to emphasize your more pragmatic talents as you consider a risky but potentially lucrative move.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected rejection could turn into something positive if you pocket your pride and ask for advice on how you can make changes that will make the difference.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart gives you the courage to push for answers to a job-related situation. Stay with it. You'll soon find more believers coming out the ranks of the doubters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your curiosity pays off this week as you push past the gossip to find the facts. What you ultimately discover could lead you to make some changes in your plans.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new sense of enthusiasm helps get you out of on-the-job doldrums and back into a productive phase. Family matters also benefit from your more positive attitude.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A bit of nostalgia is fine. But don't stay back in the past too long or you might miss seeing the signpost up ahead pointing the way to a new opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If you feel you need to take more time to study a situation before making a decision, do so. Don't let anyone push you into acting until you're ready.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As the Great Advice Giver, the Goat really shines this week as family and friends seek your wisdom. Someone especially close to you might make a surprising request.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spiritual concerns dominate part of the week before more worldly matters demand your attention. An old promise resurfaces with some surprises attached.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period and are eager to finish all the projects you've taken on. But don't let yourself get swamped. Take a breather now and again.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for learning new things quickly and applying your knowledge to best advantage where needed.

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created by Janet Milkman's departure in December 2016. The selection was made after Branco stepped in to fill many aspects of the Executive Director role, working in tandem with Margherita Baldwin, co-founder of the Marion Institute and acting Executive Director during the interim.

"We are very pleased to announce this appointment," said Michael Baldwin, Marion Institute Co-Founder and President of the Board of Directors.

"Robyn has been a loyal member of the Marion Institute team for over five years and has played an integral role in our continued success and development. She adds a breadth of experience and understanding of the work of the Marion Institute in the greater New Bedford nonprofit community. She has a deep commitment to our core values and mission and a capacity to strategically guide us forward in developing relationships that will allow us to broaden our impact."



Branco has over 16 years of development, fundraising, communications and marketing experience in the nonprofit sector. A New Bedford native, she worked in nonprofit development and event coordination in both San Francisco and Washington, DC, before returning to New Bedford in 2007.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Studies and a minor in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. In 2011, she was named one of the New England Business Bulletin's top young professionals.

Branco is active in cultural organizations such as the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society, where she serves as a Board Member. She previously served as the Marion Institute's Development & Programs Director, and has been with the organization since 2012.

"The Marion Institute has always strived to enhance the quality of life for our neighbors here in the Southcoast and I feel privileged to be a part of this work. I look forward to building stronger connections among our current programs and partners to expand the impact of our work," Branco said. "I am especially excited about identifying and cultivating leaders in my hometown to strengthen our communities, promote healthy living, and increase sustainability initiatives."

The Marion Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the organizational hub for programs focused on innovative approaches to healthcare, community-building, and sustainability: Grow Education, Southcoast Energy Challenge, Connector Series, BioMed Network, and the Bioregulatory Medicine Institute. The



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Marion Institute also acts as a fiscal sponsor for a range of smaller organizations which are working toward their charitable certification and are in need of administrative support and guidance. The Marion Institute strives to inspire and connect people of diverse backgrounds with the common goal of fostering positive social change.

Rochester Council on Aging

Monday, **March 12**, we will have AARP Refresher Driver Training Classes from 9:45 am - 3:00 pm. The cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for nonmembers. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 508-763-8723.

Tuesday, **March 13**, the Happy Hookers meet at 10:00 am.

Wednesday, **March 14**, the FRIENDS Board Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am, the free blood pressure clinic is at 10:30 am, and the Greater Boston Food Bank Pick-up will be held from 12:00 - 4:00 pm.

Thursday, **March 15**, free manicures with Old Colony students are scheduled from 9:45 - 11:45 am.

On Thursday, **March 15**, we will attend the Annual Boston Flower Show with lunch on-site. Plan to leave at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm. The cost of admission for seniors is \$17 plus the cost of your lunch.

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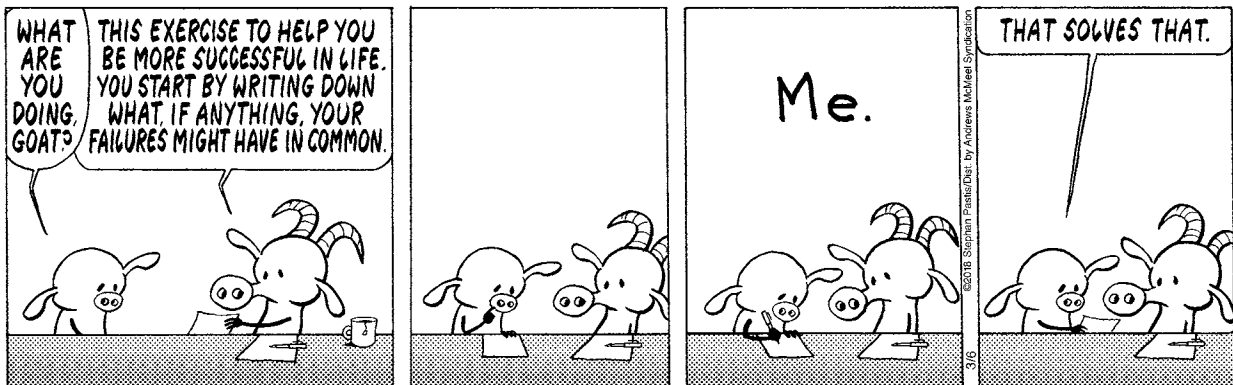
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<p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will continue a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 4:45 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. ENGINEERING, INC. pertaining to the property located at 30 Rocky Knook Lane, further identified as Map 26, Lot 51.</p> <p>The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.405: Local Upgrade Approvals: To allow the use of a sieve analysis as a substitute for a percolation test. 310 CMR 15.211(1): Minimum Setback Distances: To allow the minimum distance of the soil absorption system be 7.5 feet from the property line rather than the 10 foot requirement. To allow the minimum distance of the soil absorption system be 40 feet from the bordering vegetated wetlands rather than the 50 foot requirement. 310 CMR 15.212(1)(b): To allow the minimum vertical separation distance between the bottom of the stone underlying the soil absorption above the high groundwater elevation be 4 feet rather than 5 feet in soils with a recorded percolation rate two minutes or less per inch. John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 3/1, 3/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>On March 19, 2018, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ZONING BYLAW pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c.40A, s.5.</p> <p>At the Fall Town Meeting, the Town approved approximately 50 bylaw changes based on comments that were provided by General Code as a result of their codification review of the Marion Bylaws. At that time, we stated that there would be additional bylaw changes based on review and analysis of some of the General Code and bylaw subcommittee comments. The changes proposed for this Town Meeting are the result of adjudicating an additional 9 comments.</p> <p>The 9 comment resolutions can be characterized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 items required no change • 3 items resulted in a change of one 	<p>word (230-8.2, 230-4.2, 230-9.1B(1))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 item added four words (230-16.4) • 2 items provided extensive rewording <p>(218)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deleted Attachment I being a duplicate of the Water Division Rules and Regulations - Added new 218 Article III. <p>The public hearing will be held at the Town House Main Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 at 7:10 pm. The public is invited to attend and be heard on this proposal and may inspect the full text of this proposal during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk or Planning Board.</p> <p>Eileen J. Marum, Chairman Stephen J. Kokkins, Vice-Chairman 3/1, 3/8</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the following applications:</p> <p>Application of ANDREW PERKINS, 5 Martin Avenue, Mattapoissett, MA 02739, RE: 10 Union Avenue. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to build one 4' cantilevered deck. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Case #1405.</p> <p>Application of JENNIFER AND DANIEL SCHLITZER, 53 Water Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739, RE: 53 Water Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.1 and 3.1.2.2, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to construct a 12'x22' porch addition to existing single family dwelling. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:15 pm. Case #1406.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Norman Lyonnais, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler 3/1, 3/8</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ORR SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE regarding the school budget for the 2018-2019 school year at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 22, 2018, in the Media Room at the Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoissett, Massachusetts. 3/8, 3/15</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 4:45 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. ENGINEERING, INC. pertaining to the property located at 63 East Avenue, further identified as Map 3, Lot 61.</p> <p>The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code: 310 CMR 15.211(1): Minimum Setback Distances To allow the minimum distance between the soil absorption system and the property line be five feet rather than the 10 foot requirement.</p> <p>310 CMR 15.255: Construction to Fill To allow the minimum excavation of unsuitable material extend two feet laterally beyond a portion of the soil absorption rather than the 5 foot requirement. M.S.C. 4.40.2: Minimum Setback Distances: Request a variance to allow the proposed soil absorption system be 89 feet from the lower coastal bank and 15 feet from the upper coastal bank rather than the 100 foot M.S.C. requirement. John B. Howard, MD, Chairman 3/8, 3/15</p>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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Other Announcements: Please consider donating to RASHTI (Rochester Affordable Senior Housing Trust, Inc.). You may donate funding, land, and/or housing when considering your charitable donations. The Trust will be tax deductible very soon.

Our veteran agent is out on medical leave. If you need to speak to someone regarding veteran-related issues, contact Barry Denham, Veterans Agent, at Mattapoisett Town Hall, at 508-758-4100 ext. 7.

On-Going Programs at the Center:

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Grocery Shopping at Market Basket every Wednesday

Friday Movies at 1:30 pm (call the center by Wednesday for title of Friday movie)

Call the center at 508-763-8723 for times and days.

Theatre One Productions

Opening on **March 16** for two weekends and closing Sunday, March 25, Theatre One Productions brings to the Alley Stage at 133 Center Street in Middleboro Neil Simon's hit comedy *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, directed by Dan Groves of Wareham. Tickets are cash only at the door; \$18 for Seniors/Students and \$20 for General Admission. Show times: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm; Sundays at 2:00 pm. Doors open ½ hour prior to show. We collect food donations at all our performances for the Middleboro COA Senior Pantry. Info: 774-213-5193.

Barney Cashman (Robert Duquette of Somerset) is a middle-aged, bumbling seafood restaurant owner, married for 23 years. He hopes to experience the excitement of illicit romance before his time runs out. He has chosen his mother's apartment as a safe place to pursue romantic adventures, as she volunteers one day a week at a local hospital until 5:00 pm.

His first attempt is with a customer from his restaurant, Elaine Navazio (Susan Salvesen of Marion) who is bored with her 280-pound husband and often ventures into affairs.

His second attempt is with Bobbi Michelle (Sheila Kelleher of Plymouth), a psychotic, unemployed nightclub singer who lives with her Nazi vocal coach. "She is not just German," says Bobbi, "she is actually Nazi, wears black shirts, boots, the whole thing."

Barney's third attempt is with his wife's best friend, Jeanette Fischer (Kathy Bourne of Middleboro). He invites her to a rendezvous for the afternoon after Jeanette came on to him at a recent dinner party. When Jeanette arrives, she isn't exactly what Barney was expecting at all! "Delightfully hilarious and witty, filled with wisdom about human nature," quotes *The New*

York Post. "Mr. Simon has created a great character here ... extraordinarily funny and yet also charming," quotes *The New York Times*.

Everyone's Irish at Open Table

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little early at Open Table on Friday, **March 9** at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church! The menu is a surprise but it will be something delicious, likely something green, as in vegetables, since it is also the Lenten season. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. At Open Table, it's all about the food, fun and fellowship. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the meal will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community-wide event and everyone is welcome.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Have you heard of Memory Cafés? Do you know there are more than 63 Cafés in Massachusetts? Do you know there is one in our local community? So what is a Memory Café?

Christine Voss, a Mattapoisett Woman's Club member as well as a volunteer at the Waterfront Memory Café in Marion, will answer that question during her presentation at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club luncheon on Thursday, **March 15**. If you have a loved one, neighbor or friend who is experiencing early or moderate memory loss, this is a presentation you do not want to miss. The

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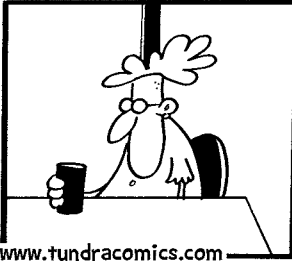
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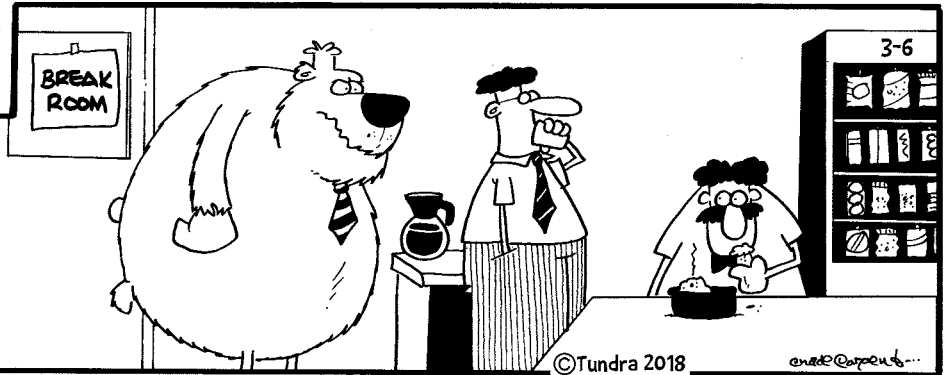
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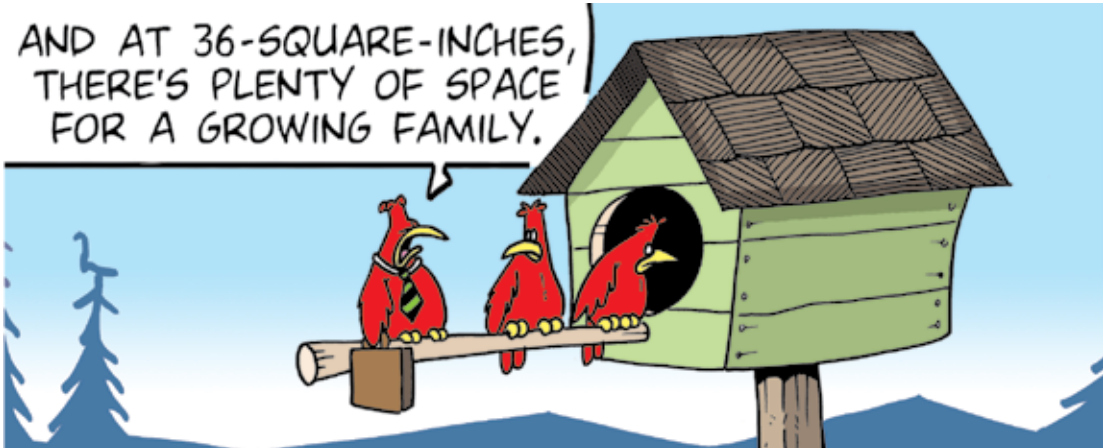


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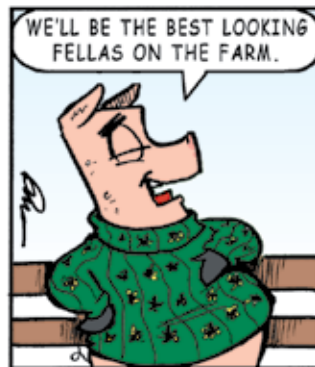


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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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information you will hear will make a positive difference in the lives of people living with memory loss.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club members are meeting at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 15 at Reynard Hall located in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. If you are interested in this month's program about Memory Cafés or would like to become a member of our club, please join us. For more information, visit our new website www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org or call Christine Voss at 508-758-3348.

Wednesday Walkabout Series in March

Take a morning stroll while learning about the unique habitats at our area's parks, trails and forests during a free four-week Wednesday Walkabout series in March, hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. During each walk, which take place on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 am, you'll enjoy some fresh spring air while you tour local properties with special habitats.

On **March 14**, take a walk through an Atlantic cedar swamp at Copicut Woods (1700 Indian Town Road, Fall River). On **March 21**, celebrate the arrival of spring at Flora B. Peirce Nature Trail (Falmouth Street, New Bedford), and on **March 28**, explore a large vernal pool at Tinkhamtown Woodlands and the Woodcock Preserve (32 Long Plain Road, Mattapoisett).

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Mark MacKenzie	March 10
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Bob Gauvin	March 11
Ivy Elger	March 11
Kim Field	March 11
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Norman Holt	March 12
Sabrina Cunningham	March 12
Ann Marie Tobia	March 13
Jeff Burnham	March 13
Larry Risko	March 13
Reese Souza	March 13
Sam Gryska	March 13
Alex Wright	March 14
Patrick D Fraine	March 14
Victoria Rogers	March 14

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Wednesday Walkabouts are part of Discover Buzzards Bay, an initiative to help people across the Buzzards Bay region find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Local residents can use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands and waterways from Fall River to Falmouth. To learn more, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/discover.

March Book Sale at Mattapoisett Public Library

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will be holding their Second Saturday Monthly Book Sale on **March 10** from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, downstairs at the library, 7 Barstow Street. Stop in to browse our great selection and buy a "Bag of Books" for \$15.

The Friends wish to thank the many donors who keep the library supplied with quality book donations. Book sale proceeds enable the Friends to sponsor many of the special programs offered at the library and to make special purchases of books, museum passes, equipment, etc. Book donations are accepted at the library circulation desk during regular library hours.

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group of volunteers created to support the library. The Friends always seek adult volunteers to help with setup and during the sale, as well as help with various library events through the year. To become a member of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library, inquire at the book sale or look for our membership forms located at the library circulation desk.

School Vacation Performing Arts Program

Registrations are now being accepted for Showstoppers' 14th Annual School Vacation Performing Arts Program to be held **April 16-20** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily at the Congregational Church in Mattapoisett. This year, we are offering a Junior Program for elementary school students as well as a Senior Program for students in junior high and high school. A Broadway Musical Showcase will be presented to the public at 7:00 pm on



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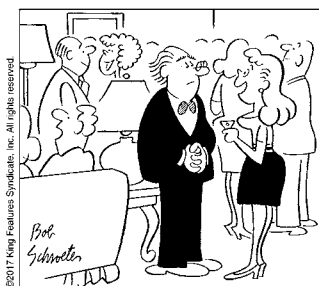
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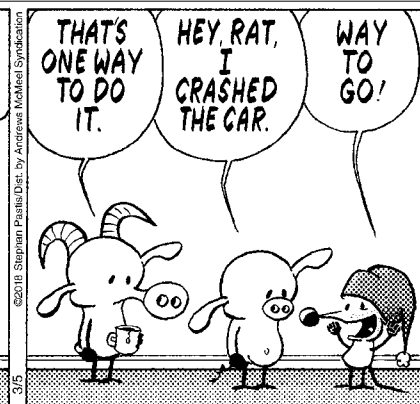
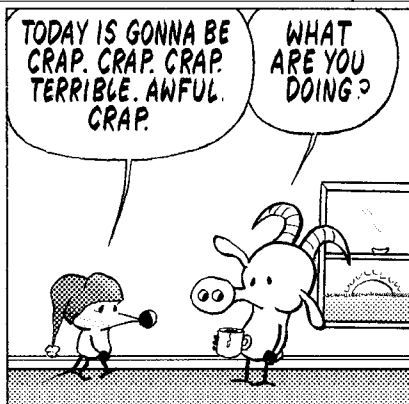
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As Cove Association residents, both Landis Major and Deb Ewing enthusiastically embraced the work initiated by Don Lewis, AKA The Turtle Guy and his wife Sue Wieber Nourse to protect the once-endangered reptile, the diamondback terrapin. Volunteers like Landis and Deb and others work diligently to protect the turtles' eggs and hatchlings from predators like foxes, coyotes, raccoons, gulls, crows, snakes, ants, etc.

In the 1900s, the species was once considered a delicacy to eat and was hunted almost to extinction. The numbers also decreased due to the development of coastal areas and, more recently, wounds from the propellers on motorboats. Another common cause of death is the unintentional trapping of the turtles under crabbing and lobster nets. This placed the terrapins on the endangered list. Deb Ewing will talk about the terrapin's habitat, egg laying, diet, predators, hibernation, etc. Work done by volunteers like Landis and Deb has aided in changing the conservation status of this turtle from Endangered to Special Concern.

The Sippican Woman's Club meets on the second Friday of the month (September through March) at 12:30 pm, with a finger-food luncheon followed by a business meeting at 1:00 pm and program at 1:30 pm. The meetings are held at The Sippican Woman's Club, Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street, Marion. Parking is available at Island Wharf Road parking lot. Guests may RSVP to Info@SippicanWomansClub.org. For membership information, contact Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619 or visit our website, www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

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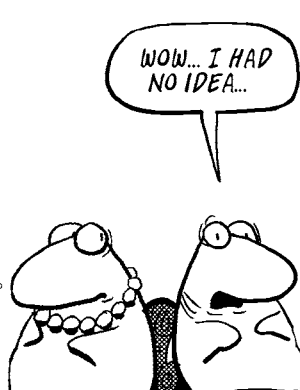
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He served with the Marion Social Club from 1983 until his passing.

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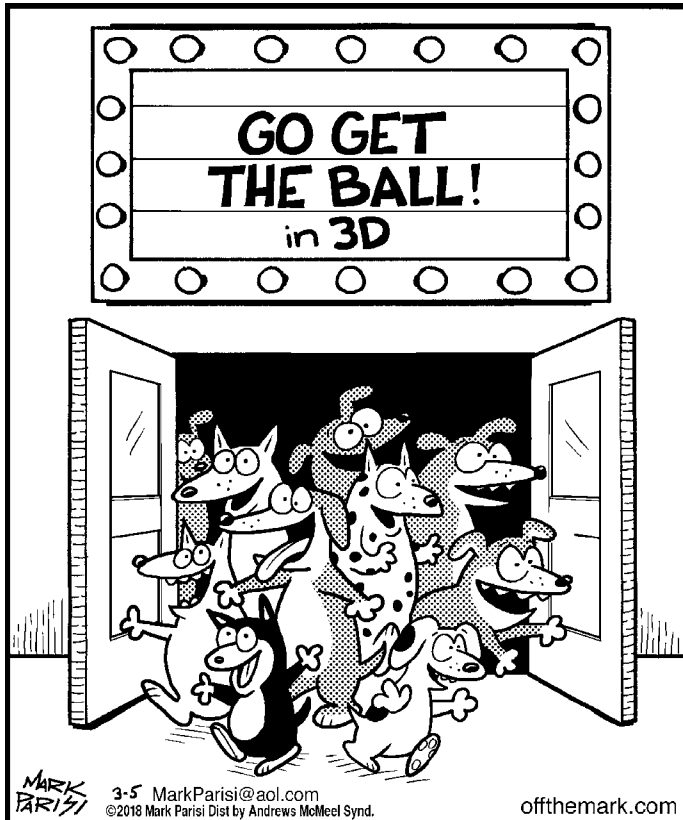
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Saturday	March 10	2:15	2:38	8:37	8:08
Sunday	March 11	4:17	4:41	10:47	10:24
Monday	March 12	5:21	5:40	11:35	11:24
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Wednesday	March 14	6:54	7:09	12:12	12:52
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Saturday	March 17	8:42	9:00	2:18	2:35
Sunday	March 18	9:21	9:39	2:57	3:08
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Wednesday	March 21	11:35	11:56	4:54	4:57
Thursday	March 22	...	12:29	5:38	5:41
Friday	March 23	12:51	1:26	6:31	6:34
Saturday	March 24	1:50	2:25	7:44	7:40
Sunday	March 25	2:52	3:28	9:54	9:02

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	March 9th
	New Moon	March 17th
	First Quarter	March 24th
	Full Moon	March 31st



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the March 1, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 37!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Delude; 2. Suspect;
3. Source; 4. Drone

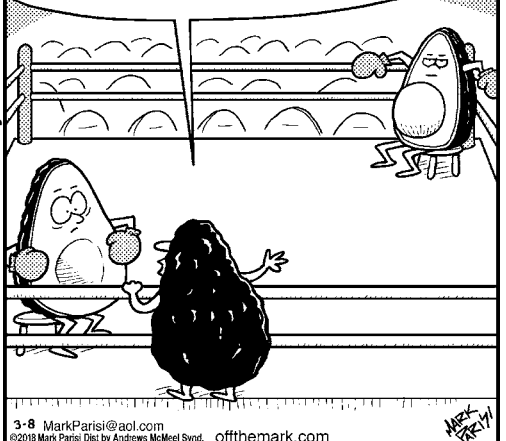
Today's Word

CONDUCTOR

Sudoku Answer

1	7	6	3	4	9	5	2	8
9	4	5	2	8	1	3	7	6
3	8	2	7	5	6	1	9	4
5	1	8	9	3	4	7	6	2
4	6	9	1	7	2	8	3	5
7	2	3	5	6	8	9	4	1
6	5	1	4	9	7	2	8	3
8	3	7	6	2	5	4	1	9
2	9	4	8	1	3	6	5	7

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GETTING NOWHERE WITH
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